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ARMY COUP IN BANGKOK

Troops Occupy Strategic Points In City

Bangkok, Sept. 17.

Bangkok fell to Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat late last night (Monday) in a bloodless army coup, the military radio announced today.

The military radio, while making the announcement, urged the people to remain calm. Many thousands of citizens lined the street in quiet, orderly fashion as the Field Marshal and his troops moved into the city with tanks and trucks.

Strategic areas were occupied, including the headquarters of Premier Pibul Songgram.

The Government so far has not resisted Sarit's move and the whereabouts of the Premier and other members of the Government were not known.

The troops cut telephone lines as they moved along the streets, but otherwise business was normal, the military radio said.

Police stations were blocked off but the police quietly went about their business elsewhere.

The coup came after Sarit had demanded that the Premier and his Cabinet resigned en bloc and police strongman General Phao Sriyanond be removed from the police Director-Generalship.

Cabinet Meeting

During an urgent Cabinet meeting on Sunday, the General announced he would resign from the police post but would retain his Cabinet job of Interior Minister. All Cabinet members also verbally announced they would resign from their posts.

But the army group, which openly said it was still loyal to Songgram, was not satisfied with the steps and demanded that the Cabinet officially resign en bloc and a new Cabinet be formed "according to the people's wish."

On Sunday night, more than 5,000 persons demonstrated against the Cabinet, marching through Bangkok's streets shouting: "Out Pibul Songgram."

The demonstrators broke into Government House and other Government buildings. Today, the Field Marshal marched on the city.

All Resigned

Field Marshal Sarit's group is composed of 40 top military officers who had all resigned recently from the Premier's government party.

The Field Marshal himself resigned recently as Defence Minister but retained his post as army Commander-in-Chief.

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COMMENT OF THE DAY

ADENAUER WINS

THE most surprising result in the West German elections would have been a defeat for Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. Something less than the landslide victory he achieved was predicted. The result, therefore, while not unforeseen, is pleasing not just because it exceeds expectations but because it provides striking evidence of the patience of the German people in pledging themselves to a policy which has little prospect of bringing about reunification of their country.

The result also demonstrates that Russian propaganda has had singularly little effect on the German people. Characteristically, the first Soviet comment to be made was that "the elections were rigged with the help of American money." It is a sign of acute disappointment felt by the Kremlin leaders who had no clear favourites in the contest anyway but would have preferred a defeat for Dr Adenauer.

There are still some outstanding questions to be settled: among them, are the Free Democrats, with 41 seats, to be invited to join a coalition? The Christian Democrats can govern alone with 270 of the 497 Bundestag seats, but Dr Adenauer and most of his colleagues favour a coalition, the broader the better. If he succeeds in this move it will only enhance the measure of his already considerable achievement.

WELCOME

THE news from Indonesia — that President Sukarno and Dr Mohammed Hatta have agreed to work together for their country's recovery — is welcome. This ends a serious breach in the central government which has existed since Dr Hatta resigned last December following differences with the President.

It would be too much to expect immediate results. The Secretary General of the Indonesia National Council, Mr Suslan Abdulgani, has said the two need more time to "realise a more concrete co-operation". Much has to be done to heal the divisions between the central authority and provincial leaders which has, in recent months, all but destroyed the young republic.

INTEREST

MEANWHILE it is reported that the central and provincial government leaders have agreed to accelerate the granting of autonomy to the outlying regions which have declared their independence of Djakarta. Also the Prime Minister, Dr Djuanda reports that a fairer provincial share in export proceeds and changes in the central administration are "now only awaiting implementation."

The Far East and Southeast Asia particularly will watch the efforts of Dr Hatta and President Sukarno with interest and sympathy. Indonesia cannot allow further costly divisions which not only weaken internal authority and expose the country in this instance to serious threats of subversion, but also gravely undermine its prestige abroad.

PETTY

IF Mr Bandaranaike made the remarks he was alleged to have made to the new American ambassador, Mr Maxwell Gluck, Americans may at least reflect today—in consolation perhaps—that history will judge their envoy the more humble and therefore the more noble character in this strange little diplomatic comedy.

Mr Bandaranaike's remarks were said to have been made jokingly. But they betray, wounded pride—and was there any need to add to the embarrassment of a man whose faux pas will take a lifetime to live down? The Ceylon Premier's jibes—which were not very subtle—betray a regrettable pettiness.

EXPERT'S OPINION OF HK WOMEN

New York, Sept. 16.

"Chinese women in Hongkong have the best figures—the most beautiful legs, the slimmest bodies," said beauty expert Lilly Dache today.

"They diet constantly and fast nearly every other day," she said.

She added that "their beauty alone is not the reason men find Oriental women so lovely—it's their charm. Their femininity."

Miss Dache, just back from two months in the Far East, learned what Eastern women have that Western women lack: More beautiful skin and eyes, better colour sense, natural flair for beauty and charm.

GREY POWDER

"All over the Orient, women play up their eyes," she said. "They use much more eye make-up than American women and it's effective. They also wear lipstick but no rouge. Eye make-up includes heavy brown eye shadow and dark eye-liner above and below the eye.

"In India, men, women, and children use a grey powder on their eyeballs to protect them from the sun and to increase their beauty," Miss Dache explained.

"Oriental women give their skin a translucent look by using white powder over dark skin. Here, we might try a light powder over a dark foundation," she said.

"Oriental women also use lots of oils and scents," she continued. "They oil their skin until it gleams. They wash their hair twice a week, brush it regularly and oil it. They have a highly polished look and soft, soft skin—so different from American women's dry skin. But that goes with a well scrubbed look," she added.

SIMPLICITY

"For sheer beauty, Indian women have it," said expert Dache. "They have a natural chicness and colour sense. They are so lovely that any man could lose his heart at once."

"Take Japanese women—their simplicity and politeness makes them beautiful. In India, it's the women's kindness, softness and quiet, gentle ways. In Thailand, their sweetness. And in Hongkong, their classic grace."—United Press.

Plane Flights Cancelled

The Hague, Sept. 16.

The Dutch airlines KLM decided not to land at the Bangkok airfield for the time being in view of the internal political situation in Thailand, a spokesman for the company declared tonight.

In Singapore Qantas announced the cancellation of a flight to Bangkok.

Qantas said that its London-bound plane will fly to Calcutta instead of to Bangkok.—United Press.

SOPHIA LOREN NOT MARRYING PRODUCER PONTI

Naples, Sept. 16.

SOPHIA LOREN, the Italian film star, is unable to marry Carlo Ponti, the Italian producer, on religious grounds, Alberto Mirisola, her family lawyer and friend, indicated today.

He pointed out that Miss Loren, who "is above all a fervent Catholic" would "never think of marrying a man like Ponti, who is already bound by an indissoluble (marriage) tie."

The lawyer added that he was authorised to state that Miss Loren's mother, Mrs Romilde, confirmed what had already been said to the press, namely, that her daughter would never act on an impulse and "will ponder each of her decisions."

Miss Loren's name has frequently been romantically linked in the press with that of producer Ponti.—France-Presse.

LANCASHIRE'S EARTHQUAKE

A "creeping earthquake" is swallowing houses—one after another—in the Lancashire town of Farnworth. By Thursday night 13 houses and two shops had been wrecked — and more than 350 people had been evacuated — but nobody was hurt. The crater was started by a fracture in a sewage drain 19 ft down. It is feared that if there is more rain — the rate and area of the land collapse would increase—the whole area lives in fear of their homes disappearing.

— Keystone Photo.

Saburov Given Economic Post

Moscow, Sept. 16.

The Soviet Government today announced the appointment of Mikhail Saburov, demoted Presidium member, to the post of vice-chief of the State Committee on Economic Relations with Foreign Countries.

The announcement was contained in a circular sent to all foreign embassies. Mr Saburov will serve under Mikhail Pervukhin, another former Presidium member, who heads the committee.

Both Saburov and Pervukhin were dropped from the Communist Party's ruling Presidium following the June purge which removed Vyacheslav Molotov, Lavzar Kaganovich, Georgi Malenkov and Dmitri Shepilov from the Kremlin leadership. Pervukhin was later named to his present committee post.

Despite their demotion from full membership in the Presidium, Mr Saburov and Mr Pervukhin remained members of the Party's powerful Central Committee and Mr Pervukhin was made a candidate (alternate) member of the Presidium.—United Press.

ROCKET EXPLODES

Dover, N.J., Sept. 16.

An experimental rocket engine exploded today at a naval air rocket test station near Lake Denmark. First reports said one person was killed and six others were injured.—United Press.

RESHUFFLE OF GOVT OFFICES

London, Sept. 17.

Viscount Hailsham, 49, Britain's Education Minister, was today promoted to a non-departmental Cabinet post, paving the way for his appointment as Chairman of the Conservative Party.

He becomes Lord President of the Council in a minor reshuffle of Government posts announced officially today.

The other appointments are:

Mr Geoffrey Lloyd, 55, a former Fuel and Power Minister, becomes Minister of Education in succession to Lord Hailsham.

LORD HAILSHAM

Mr Derek Walker-Smith, 47, who was a junior Minister at the Board of Trade, becomes Minister of Health in succession to Mr Dennis Vosper, who has been ill for some time.

Mr J. K. Vaughan-Morgan succeeds Mr Walker-Smith as Minister of State at the Board of Trade.

Mr R.H.M. Thomson is made Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health, succeeding Mr Vaughan-Morgan.

The post of Lord President of the Council—one of the most senior in the Cabinet, was temporarily held by the Earl of Home, Commonwealth Relations Secretary, who combined the duties of this office with his own job and with the leadership of his party in the House of Lords.—Reuter.

MOTHER SAVES CHILDREN

Kingsland, Ark., Sept. 16.

A 26-year-old mother had the choice on Saturday to save her two children or her husband from suffocation at a gravel pit cave-in near here. She chose to save the children.

Ernest Bunt, a nailer employed by the Arkansas Pallat Co., at Pine Bluff, was killed when gravel from a 14-foot bank caved in on his truck and family.

In the space of a few seconds, Mrs Dorothy Bunt freed herself. She rolled from under the truck and uncovered her 14-month-old and four-year-old daughters.

The husband was trapped between the truck and the bank, and was buried under more than two feet of fine white gravel.—United Press.

MAXIM'S FRENCH BAND

Musicians Blacklist City Restaurant

by John Luff

The Musicians' Union is demanding a monthly payment of $4,300 from Maxim's (Hongkong Caterers) for employing a French band.

The sum is regarded by the Union as compensation "for the creation of unemployment of four musicians."

I do not know how they intend to collect that sum which now amounts to $25,000. Maxim's has no intention of paying it.

This is how the situation arose: Maxim's decided to engage a French band with a French singer.

List Circulated

At this point, the Musicians' Union stepped in and while it recognised "the Immigration Office has the authority to sanction or refuse entry of nationals of friendly nations" it insisted that the management of Maxim's pay to the Union "$4,300 per month for the period of six months . . ." (the period of Maxim's contract with the French band).

The Union went further. The Union Executive Committee "agreed and approved" to blacklist Maxim's or any establishment of the Hongkong Caterers, Ltd.

To give effect to this decision, the Musicians' Union circulated a list. "Every member is asked to sign the accompanying sheet of paper to signify his willingness to blacklist Maxim's."

However, the Union has stated that it is prepared to meet the management of Maxim's to negotiate a settlement, and has announced terms.

No Difficulty

I asked about the four musicians who are supposed to be unemployed on account of Maxim's decision to employ the French band. A spokesman for Maxim said they were not aware of any particular hardship encountered by any particular four musicians.

"Suppose other bodies elsewhere were to legislate against the entry of foreign musicians to their particular country, patrons of theatres and cabarets would never hear anything beyond their own national musical formations," the spokesman said.

Asked if there would be any difficulty in finding a band for Maxim's when the present one finishes its contract (it has been there 8 months already), I was assured there would be no difficulty.

'Flying Fish'

New Delhi, Sept. 16.

Fish rained down from the sky in the Indian village of Razapur, near Ghaziabad, about 12 miles from New Delhi, correspondents of several Delhi newspapers reported today.

Some of the fish found on roofs of buildings measured up to about 1½ inches.

The current heavy rains, unusual at this season of the year, carried the "flying fish" towards a lake near the village.—France-Presse.

Jungle War Director

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 16.

Lieutenant-General Sir James Cassels, of Britain, today took office as Malaya's new Director of Operations, the top military post in the country's jungle war against Communist terrorists.

He succeeds Lieutenant-General Sir Roger Bower, with whom he had talks today on Malaya's progress in the campaign which began in 1948.—Reuter.

Tiger Kills Mate

Taunton, Sept. 16.

Talah, a circus tigress, newly-arrived from India, lay dead here today because her partner, Khan, had learned too well the ways of men during his three years as a circus performer.

Khan, who lived in a cage next to that of Talah at Bertram Mills Circus, used his strength and manual skill last night to unbolt the connecting door and strangle her.

Keepers said that Khan killed Talah in less than a minute. No one was aware of his hatred toward her, they said.—France-Presse.

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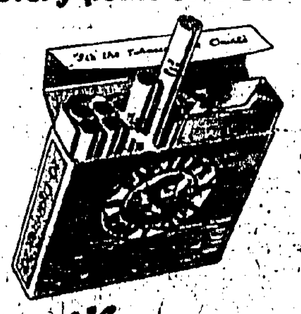
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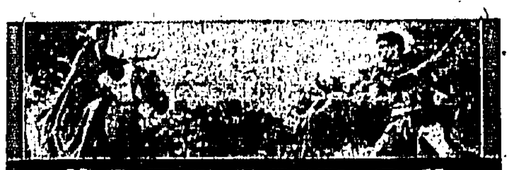

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CRITICAL FRENCH DEBATE

Oder-Neisse Line

Bonn Envoy To Belgrade Recalled

Bonn, Sept. 16.

The West German Government tonight recalled its Ambassador from Yugoslavia following formal recognition by Marshal Tito of the disputed Oder-Neisse Line.

Tito acknowledged Poland's Oder-Neisse frontier with Germany in a joint communique issued today in Belgrade after his talks with Polish Communist leader Wladislaw Gomulka.

Foreign Office officials said Pfleiderer had been recalled "for consultation."

SHARP PROTEST

Observers believed, however, that the move would be followed by at least another sharp protest to Belgrade.

West Germany has always insisted that the question of the 50,000 square mile Oder-Neisse territories, which were annexed by Poland after the war, must await a definitive German Peace Treaty.

Tito's recognition of the Polish claim was the first by a non-satellite government, and faced the new German Government fresh from its election victory, with a major diplomatic setback.—United Press.

LONG DISTANCE CALLS HELD UP BY WALKOUT

New York, Sept. 16.

Five hundred women switchboard operators gathered today outside the American Telephone and Telegraph Company Building in New York—nerve centre of long distance services in the Western Hemisphere.

They cheered pickets and booed fellow-employees making their way to work during the first nationwide walkout since 1954 by 24,000 installers of telephone equipment.

NO DISORDER

There were no reports of disorder in the strike.

In New York, where 150,000 long distance calls are handled each day, delays of up to 30 minutes were reported at peak periods.

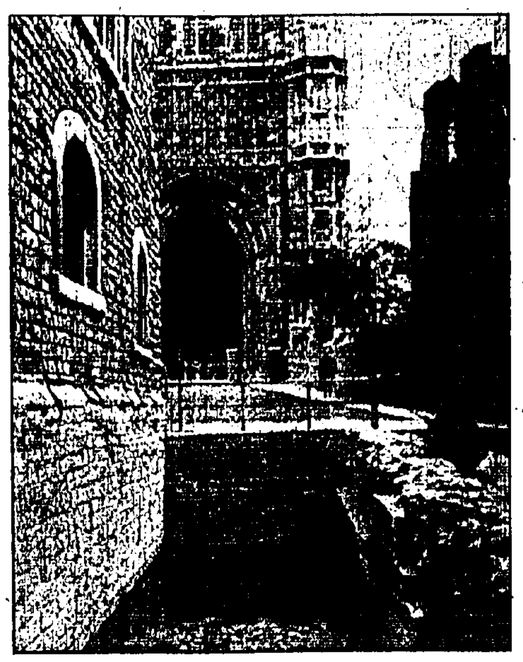
The strike began in the eastern United States and spread to the West Coast as the 6 am local strike deadline was reached in the various time zones from coast to coast.

A new negotiating session was called for this afternoon in an attempt to settle the strike.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 16.

British summer time—one hour ahead of GMT—will end at 2 am on Sunday, October 6, the Home Office announced today. Next year, BST will begin on April 20 and end on October 5.—China Mail Special.

Fishing For Trout



The moat around the Jewel Tower—at the Palace of Westminster has been stocked with goldfish—and to make it look more decorative—the Ministry of Works—which is responsible for the upkeep of the moat and buildings—requested the Ministry of Agriculture to put a stock of trout into the water.

Then it was found that the trout were eating the goldfish—in spite of the fact that plenty of their favourite food is placed in the water each day.

Then at the request of the Ministry of Works—the Agriculture Ministry now has the task of taking out the trout. The only way this could be done was by fishing them out—for an electrical stunning device would also kill the goldfish.

Now a Ministry official spends 30 minutes every morning—fishing—for trout—in the Tower moat.—Keystone Photo.

Majority Of British Prostitute's Patrons Are Married Men

Says SOCIAL WORKER

London, Sept. 16.

A social research worker told listeners to the BBC's "Women's Hour" today that the majority of a British prostitute's customers were married men and a lot of them were "regulars."

Mrs Rosalind Wilkinson, who gave evidence recently before the Wolfenden Royal Commission on Prostitution and Homosexuality, added in her radio interview:

THE PERVERTS

"Some customers are perverts, some impotent with other women, some demand their money back or are violent with prostitutes.

"Some are just lonely, away from home, separated from their usual contacts—others are in search of entertaining diversions.

Listeners to the programme were warned before it started that some persons might find an "open talk on prostitution" distressing and were advised to switch off.

Mrs Wilkinson said the women do not get ordinary sexual pleasure from their experience and usually are back on thier "beats" within 20-30 minutes after picking up a man.

"Prostitutes are severe critics of men," she said, "and often relate how they had tricked customers. In their earlier lives they had usually had unhappy experiences which would have played their part in turning them toward the life they lead."

AN AUTHORITY

She added: "I am convinced that a girl cannot be made into a prostitute against her will."

Mrs Wilkinson is a recognised authority on the problem of prostitution and has devoted many years to helping street walkers get away from their trade.

She said the Wolfenden Committee had "an almost impossible task" but had produced a sound report which was a "first rate exposition of the prostitution in our lives."—United Press.

Shipwrecked

Beirut, Sept. 16.

The Egyptian vessel "Aida" has been shipwrecked on the "Two Brothers" coral reef near Port Kosseir, in the Red Sea, while taking provisions to Red Sea lighthouses, it was reported here today.—France-Presse.

Gov't To Stake Life On Algerian Motion

By HAROLD KING

Paris, Sept. 16.

The French National Assembly will meet tomorrow in emergency session to consider Government plans for political reforms in Algeria which are under severe attack from Rightwing politicians.

Paris-Presse said today that this would be the only debate since the war "of truly historic importance."

The Reforms

The reforms proposed come after 34 months of armed struggle during which the French claim to have killed 36,000 insurgent soldiers.

The Government now proposes to set up local assemblies democratically elected, without making any distinction between European and Moslem voters. Each local region is to have a governing council, and there is to be a central or federal assembly and governing council.

This central body has given rise to controversy. A former Governor-General of Algeria, ex-Gaullist leader M. Jacques Soustelle, has said it "opens the door to early secession."

M. Maurice Bourges-Maunoury, the Prime Minister, argues that the North African province of France must get as firm a federal status as the various republics in the Soviet Union or the states in the USA.

Confidence Vote

He will shake the life of his Government on this bill. A vote of confidence is expected at the end of this week or early next week.

M. Robert Lacoste, who has been the strong man in fighting the rebellion since he became Residing Minister in Algeria in March 1956, says he is sure Parliament will adopt the reform which "is essential to show the world we are handling the position in a progressive manner."

Other politicians are less sure that the Government will succeed, as it is also under fire from the powerful farming interests for its austerity and price freezing policy.

A debate on the economic and financial policy of the Government will start tomorrow as soon as the assembly meets. Twenty-six deputies have already asked to speak, but 22 of them want to talk about farming.—China Mail Special.

STUDENT'S PASSPORT STILL HELD

London, Sept. 16.

The United States Embassy in London today was "still considering" whether to return the passport of an American student who visited Communist China after having attended the Moscow Youth Festival in August.

Shelby Tucker, a law student at Oxford University, accepted the invitation of the Chinese Communist authorities to visit the country despite an American State Department's warning that he might lose his passport.

On his return to England, Tucker gave his passport to the Embassy. If it were withdrawn, Tucker would have to interrupt his studies and return to the United States.—France-Presse.

FARES GO UP IN UK

London, Sept. 16.

Train, bus and underground fares were put up six per cent in Britain today.

This increase followed the five per cent salary rise granted to transport workers last March. Taxi fares were also increased today by six pence a trip.—France-Presse.

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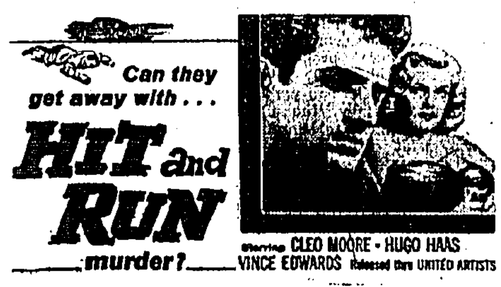

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Biggest Nato Manoeuvres In Cold War

By BERT MARSH

London, Sept. 16.

Planes and ships from seven Western nations gathered steam and checked atomic fuel tonight in readiness for the biggest Nato manoeuvres since the start of the cold war.

The US atomic submarine Nautilus will be involved for the first time in major fleet exercises when it joins the super-carrier Forrestal, Canada's new atomic-age destroyer escorts and 200 other ships and 650 planes including Britain's latest delta-wing jet bomber in the North Atlantic on Wednesday.

It will also be the Nautilus' first trip to Britain.

Workouts

There will be three major exercises in what US Navy officials said today were not so much "war games" as workouts to get the various Nato navies used to working together.

They are tagged with the code words "Strikeback," "Seawatch" and "Fendoff."

Another, called "Seaspray" involved ships en route to Britain from the US and Canada and a fifth, "Pipedown," will include British and US units as the Americans head home on Oct. 22.

Navy official said more than 75,000 men will take part.

Seven Nations

US Adm. Jernald Wright, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, will be in overall charge of the exercises. The United States is providing about 145 ships, 300 carrier-based planes and 50,000 men—the biggest share in the seven-nation operation.

Ships and planes will fly the flags of the United States, Britain, Canada, France, The Netherlands and Norway.

The British Navy reported two "casualties" before the exercises started.

It said two submarines were withdrawn today because 38 of their crewmen were sidelined with Asian flu.

The exercises will cover the Atlantic from Eastern Canada to the Iberian Peninsula and from Iceland to Norway.

Strikeback

"Strikeback" largest of the Nato autumn exercises, will be commanded by Vice Adm. Robert B. Pirie.

His flagship, the U.S.S. Northampton, will be based at Portsmouth, on Britain's south coast.

Adm. Pirie will be in overall command of some 1,500 ships and several hundred planes from the US, Canada, Britain, France, The Netherlands and Norway assigned to "test the retaliatory strength of the Atlantic forces to defend the North Atlantic area."

The ships will answer a general alert as if a real war had broken out.—United Press.

WASHINGTON TO REJECT PROTESTS

Washington, Sept. 16.

The United States will reject a Japanese protest against plans to hold a new series of nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific next spring, officials said today.

Plans for the protest were outlined in Tokyo today by the Japanese Cabinet secretary.

A new protest would be viewed as an automatic move on the part of the Japanese, officials here agreed.

It would be in line with Japan's well-known policy of opposing such tests whether they took place in the United States itself, or in the Pacific closer to home.

REPEATEDLY

It was recalled that Japan repeatedly had lodged strong protests against United States and British nuclear test explosions since the end of the war.

The United States has consistently assured Japan that in the absence of a satisfactory disarmament agreement with the Soviet Union, the testing of atomic and hydrogen weapons was essential in the interests of free world defence.

The United States has also assured Japan that it had nothing to fear from the fall-out of radioactive materials from the bomb tests.—Reuter.

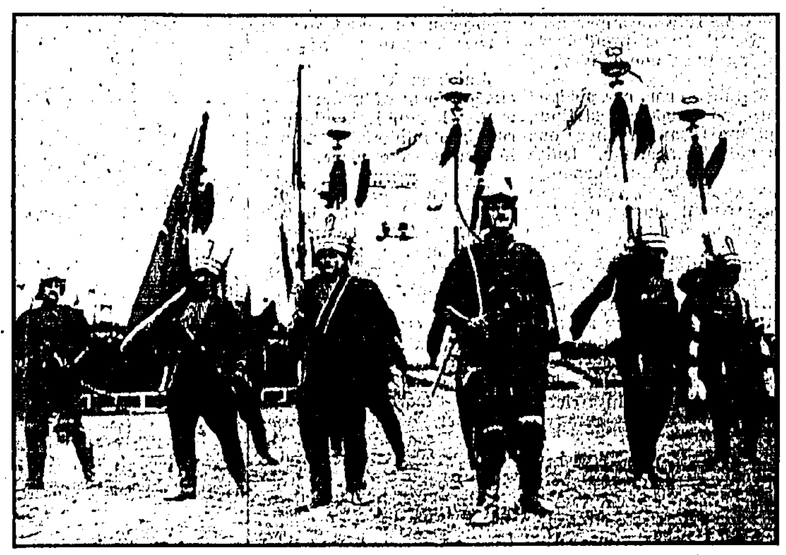
Painter Dies

Paris, Sept. 16.

China's best known painter Chi Pai-shih, died today at the age of 97 in Peking, Radio Peking reported.

Chi who won the International Peace Prize in 1953, was chairman of the Union of China Artists, Honorary President of the Peking Academy of Chinese Painting and Honorary Professor of the Central Academy of Fine Arts.—France-Presse.

OTTOMAN EMPIRE WARRIORS RETURN



Members of the Turkish Army Band — 130 strong — in their traditional uniform of the ancient Ottoman Empire—were to be seen rehearsing last Tuesday for their display at the Woolwich Searchlight Tattoo.

Photo shows members of the "Mehter" Turkish Military Band—in their ancient Ottoman Empire costumes—during the rehearsal.—Keystone Photo.

POLISH SECRET POLICEMEN INDICTED FOR TORTURE

Warsaw, Sept. 16.

The Warsaw Regional Court announced tonight that three former top officials of the Polish Security Service are being tried for "illegally depriving a number of people of their freedom."

The Polish News Agency PAP said the Court had released an official communique setting out the indictment against the three men, whose trial opened behind closed doors today.

No members of the Polish or foreign press were admitted to the courtroom and court officials said earlier they would not disclose details of the indictment until sentence is pronounced at the end of the trial, which is expected to last for several weeks.

COMPULSION

The indictment also charges them with "recommending and allowing other junior officials of the Public Security (service) to apply physical torture towards these persons.

"Moreover, Romkowski and Rozanski are also charged with personally applying physical compulsion with regard to some imprisoned persons," the PAP report of the indictment added.

The accused are Roman Romkowski, former Deputy Minister of Public Security, Anatol Fejgin, Director of Department 10 of that Ministry (responsible for the unity and purity of the Polish Communist Party), and Jozef Rozanski, former Director of Investigations for Department 10.

Romkowski and Fejgin have been under arrest since April, 1956.

DEPARTMENT 10

Rozanski was suspended from his post as Chief Investigation Officer of Department 10 in July, 1954.

An announcement on July 1 said the three men had been indicted for criminal responsibility for atrocities committed by the Secret Police during the Stalinist period in Poland.

There have been reports that some important personalities might testify during the trial, which has aroused much excitement and speculation in Warsaw.—Reuter.

US YOUTHS IN CHINA

Paris, Sept. 16.

Radio Peking said that the visiting American youths were visiting Shanghai now, after a tour of Nanking. Prior to that, they visited the Yangtse River City of Wuhan.

On Sunday, the American youths attended Sunday services in a Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches in Nanking. They had visited a number of educational institutes, and laid wreaths at the Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum.—France-Presse.

Now Russia Is Really Hit By A 'Flaming Mass'

London, Sept. 16.

Russia, which laughingly disclosed a local panic yesterday over the fictional report of a "flaming mass" headed for collision with the earth, announced today one actually happened.

The real flaming mass was a meteorite, and it set fire to the house of Sergei Shachkovsky at Zhelty Vody, near Dniepropetrovsk in the Ukraine.

Moscow Radio reported this interesting item in an English language broadcast barely 24 hours after the Moscow newspaper Sovietskaya Rossiya disclosed an Orson Wells-style panic in Russia.

SCIENCE FICTION

A local paper started it off by publishing a science fiction serial about a "flaming mass" that threatened the earth until Soviet scientists saved the world.

In the Black Sea resort town of Tuapse "some simpletons . . . began selling homes and cattle cheaply" they were so afraid, Sovietskaya Rossiya reported.

Today's report was not quite so exciting.

Moscow radio simply said there was an "unusual fire" at the railway station of Zhelty Vody.

"In the middle of the night," said Moscow, "the sky was brightly illuminated and a shooting star struck the house belonging to the (station) cashier. . .

"The house caught fire but the flames were quickly extinguished, no great damage being done."—United Press.

Irate Giraffe Kicks Car

Johannesburg, Sept. 16.

A revengeful giraffe was reported to have kicked the top and windshield out of a car after another vehicle hit and killed another giraffe, probably its mate.

Two South Africans, who arrived here, said the giraffe attacked them when they stopped to take a close look at it last week-end on a trip from Rhodesia to South Africa.

They said they drove off quickly when the irate giraffe started kicking and they found, several yards down the road, the body of another giraffe which apparently had been killed by a moving vehicle.—France-Presse.

BLAST BLOWS FIVE MEN OUT OF US MILLING PLANT

Oakland, Sept. 16.

An explosion ripped through the huge Alberts Milling Co. plant here shortly after noon today, injuring at least 13 persons.

The blast rocked the eight-storey building, collapsing one floor.

Five men were blown from the building by the initial explosion and a dozen more were trapped temporarily in the smoking ruins.

EMERGENCY

The blast, felt in a mile-square area, set off an immediate police emergency. All city ambulances were dispatched to the scene, as were ambulances from nearby military installations. Fireboats from San Francisco were dispatched to the plant, which is on the shore of the Oakland Channel.

There was no immediate explanation of what caused the explosion which ripped through the flour mill plant shortly after 1900 GMT.

However, police thinks that it may have been a dust explosion, which are not uncommon when the dust backs up. It can be touched off by a spark, or even static electricity.

Firemen outfitted in asbestos suits worked their way through the debris in an attempt to ascertain if anyone actually was caught beneath the tons of timber and plaster. — United Press.

SINGAPORE CHANGES ARREST LAW

Singapore, Sept. 16.

Singapore Legislative Assembly has passed the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill which gives to police officers power to arrest anyone who obstructs him in the performance of his duty during a time of rioting and this without a warrent.

Up to now a warrent was need for the arrest.

Another amendment denies any person charged with being a member of unlawful assembly in a riot the right of bail.

But it provides facilities for accused persons to be remanded if so required for a maximum of eight days during which they can point out the places or witnesses having a direct bearing on their cases.

In the Federation, the maximum, for such a remand is 15 days.—France-Presse.

NATO TO GET SPECIAL PLANES

Paris, Sept. 16.

Atlantic Pact forces in Europe will be equipped with an inexpensive new turbo-jet light-weight fighter plane capable of carrying atomic weapons, it was announced today.

The planes are capable of using unprepared landing strips some 2,500 feet long and will cost only US$100,000 to US$200,000, compared with a cost of nearly US$1,000,000 for present planes of this category.

The new prototypes, made to order for Nato, represent the first military plane to be developed by a special international team, a spokesman for the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Forces, Europe announced at a press conference today.—France-Press.

Moscow, Sept. 16.

The number of Soviet tourists to the United States will considerably increased as a result of modifications in the United States law on fingerprints, Alexei Kossygin, candidate member of the Presidium of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee said here today.

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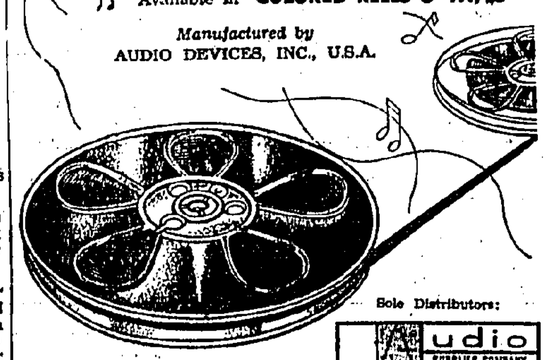

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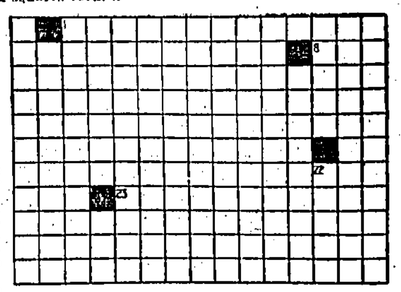

ACROSS

1. Presumably gives the payee carte-blanche (two words).
7. What a snake-charmer wears round her neck?
8. Can she attract the emigrants?
10. Entertainment ready to demonstrate amenability (two words).
11. The girl gets five hundred to take off.
12. Cause of a river hold-up.
13. Foreign belief in tampering with the mails.
14. Given time, he can cope.
15. Roaring boy?
16. This low creature can be relied on for a turn.
17. The widow could add little to what's left.
18. Gold rush territory.
19. Not catered for by the keeper.
21. It's nothing to a chap in the Middle East.
20. Spot of refreshment.
22. She likes Ike.
23. Neat arrangement for seeing one of the sights of Sicily.
24. Spirit of experiment.

DOWN

1. Degrees the French take in Switzerland.
2. Explosive possibility of a N.A.T.O. manoeuvre.
3. Diggers' cobbers?
4. Stir'll shout and confuse a lad.
5. Get out.
6. German-American bird.
7. Suitable material for a birch broom?
9. Where you meet one of those heavenly Russians?

MONDAY'S SOLUTION

The German Iron Men dig in to prevent STRIKES

- *SECRET PACT*
- *MONEY 'POOL'*
- *IT'S TAX FREE*

From SEFTON DELMER, DUSSELDORF.

WEST GERMAN iron and steel bosses, afraid their Metal Workers' Union means to force wages up to nearer the British level with strikes and strike threats, have, I understand, made a secret anti-strike pact. And they have created an anti-strike fund.

They are determined that German industry, which in five years has lost fewer man-hours than Britain in the last four months, shall not lose the main foundation of its prosperity—low labour costs and freedom from interruptions through strikes.

At a meeting in Dusseldorf of the Employers' Federation the bosses have agreed not only to help each other in resisting strikes but have pledged themselves to indemnify firms in full against losses resulting from strikes.

They have even agreed that strike resisters shall be compensated against the loss of the profits they would have made had there been no strike.

I have before me a copy of the most remarkably thorough document of the employers' pact. It is called "declaration of solidarity."

BARRED

Every conceivable economic motive which might cause a firm—especially one of the smaller ones—to give in to a strike threat has been provided for.

The federation even laid down that ancillary firms depending on supplies from one closed down by a strike shall be fully compensated against loss of profits resulting from non-deliveries.

Member firms are pledged not to engage striking workers from another one affected by a strike. Quite a point, this, in Germany, now coming to the full-employment stage on the labour market.

Any information which members of various committees, appointed to help the firms stopped by strikes, might get concerning the firm's inner workings or its contracts and contacts are of course to remain strictly secret.

'CALLOUS'

The chartered accountants appointed to investigate the firm's books for purposes of compensation are specially ordered not to give to the examining committees any details, but only the result of their examinations.

A special fee for contributions to the anti-strike fund and the compensation schedules has been worked out. It differentiates between the various members according to their financial strength.

But the chief beauty from the employers' point of view of this anti-strike pact and the anti-strike fund is that the money spent can be offset for tax purposes against profits.

Which makes it quite a cheap form of undertaking even though it is likely to run into millions of pounds if strikes take place.

"It's a monstrous plot and typical of the bosses' callousness," commented Herr Sandvoss, of the German Metal Workers' Union in the Ruhr.

"The employers have turned down a demand for improvement of conditions which would have amounted to not more than 1d. an hour per head for every worker employed in the industry.

"Instead, they are going in for this fantastic fund, which is going to cost them millions."

PROGRESS IN CENTRAL AFRICA

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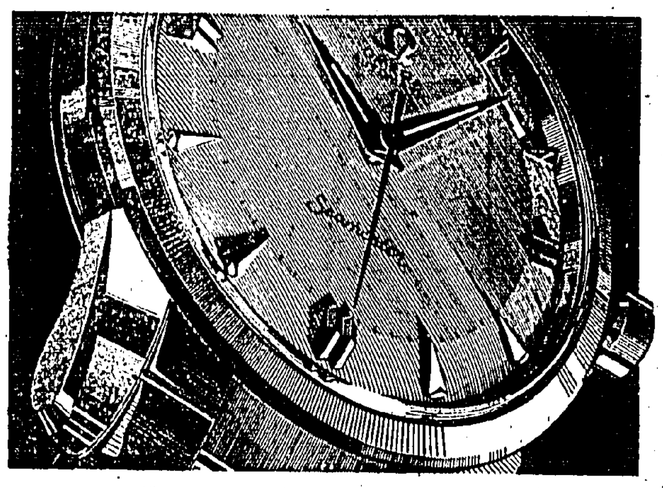

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The Man with Flying Honours
NIGERIA'S PRIME MINISTER IS THE MAN FOR THE JOB

London.

by Harold James

THE first Prime Minister of a Federal Nigeria, Alhaji Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, has few of the outward characteristics of a nationalist leader. No ranter or demagogue: no seeker after publicity. He is quiet and unassuming, Soft-spoken, with a melodious voice.

Nkrumah and 'Zik' enjoy being carried shoulder-high by a cheering crowd; but Nigeria's Prime Minister would sooner slip away, unnoticed, and make his own way home. Behind this indifference to popularity there is a determination to lead his country forward to full independence. There is intense devotion to duty and a vast capacity for hard work. He started life with no advantages. His father occupied a lowly position in an Emir's household. Abubakar became a school teacher.

Sheer merit brought him to the top

He rose quickly in his profession and ten years ago entered political life. Sheer merit has brought him to the top. And in Northern Nigeria it takes 'guts' and ability to climb the ladder; for the North is a feudal country where the 'plum' jobs usually go to those of noble family. To draw a parallel it is as if a peasant's son in Britain a century and a half ago had risen to Cabinet rank in a Ministry composed of Londonderrys, Derbys and Devonshires.

British civil servants in Nigeria watched with interest the rise to power of Nigeria's new Prime Minister. How would he get on, they wondered, with Nigeria's elite—the great Emirs of the North. Would they resent the rise to power of a commoner?

Thanks to the natural dignity and common sense of men like the Emirs of Kano, Katsina and Sokoto—and thanks, too, to the same qualities in Abubakar Balews—relations between the feudal overlords and the rising politician were without embarrassment. The Emir would come forward to meet the Minister: the Minister would make his obeisance in a formal bow. The ruling families had the wisdom to realise that, with the stirrings of democracy in Nigeria, power was passing into other hands.

A difficult team

The new Prime Minister has a difficult team to drive, for his government is a coalition between the three major parties:

- the Northern People's Party to which he himself belongs;
- the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons, of which Dr Azikiwe is founder and leader;
- and the Action Group of which Chief Awolowo, the Premier of the Western Region, is the head.

Until the new Prime Minister invited them, the Action Group was unrepresented in the Council of Ministers. But he has now broadened the basis of the Cabinet by giving that Party two seats.

The Action Group has come under fire from Dr Azikiwe's Party for accepting the invitation. Indeed, its decision to participate in the government is not universally approved among its own supporters. Some of these feel that it would have served them better to remain in opposition.

War to the knife

In their domestic programmes there is little to choose between the National Council (N.C.N.C. for short) and the Action Group. But there is war to the knife between them.

It is partly a clash of personalities, for there is no love lost between 'Zik' and Awolowo. But it is also a tribal clash—between the Ibo of the east and the Yoruba of the west.

Holding a balance between the two parties will not be the least important task in what Mr Lennox-Boyd calls "this heavy burden of office." Fortunately for the new Prime Minister neither of the party leaders is a member of the Federal Parliament, for both 'Zik' and Awolowo remain at the head of their respective Regional governments.

As with the new Federation of the West Indies so with a Federal Nigeria—the question arises whether federal politics or local politics are more important.

At present most of the 'big noises'—like 'Zik', Awolowo, and the Sardauna of Sokoto—have elected to make their career in the Regions.

But when Nigeria gains full self-government and becomes a member of the British Commonwealth it would be a pity if at the Federal level there was only a 'second eleven'.

The next three years will be a period of preparation for self-government. For Nigeria's Prime Minister it will be a busy and testing time. Those who know him have no doubt as to his ability to come through it with flying honours.

Master of Light Music

ERIC COATES has said that there is just as much art in writing a clever foxtrot as a symphonic poem, and his long list of popular works has proved his own artistic ability.

He devoted his early career to the study of the viola, and won a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music, where he was a pupil of Lionel Tertis, and at the same time began to study composition. Sir Alexander Mackenzie advised him to go in for composition seriously, but it was some years before he gave up the viola, playing in theatre orchestras, string quartets and finally joining Sir Henry Wood's Queen's Hall Orchestra as principal viola.

He stayed with Sir Henry for seven years, but then decided to give all his time to writing music instead of playing it, and the wisdom of this decision has been proved over and over again.

Perhaps his "London Suite" is one of the strongest links between Eric Coates and the BBC, since it was in 1933 that the Knightsbridge March from this Suite was chosen as the signature tune for "In Town Tonight." His songs ("Bird Songs at Eventide," "I pitch my lonely caravan," and "Sleepy Lagoon," for example) are just as popular as his orchestral music, and his loyalty for his native town is still strong, for three years ago he wrote a new march for the Nottinghamshire police.

Eric Coates had no idea that his composition was to be chosen for "In Town Tonight." Half an hour before the transmission of the first programme Eric Maschwitz and A. W. Hanson, who was then producer, realised that they had not got a signature tune. An urgent message was sent to the Gramophone Library for all records with London in the title. The "London Suite" came up with the rest.

Later that evening, busy in a dark-room developing photographs, Eric heard his wife call: "Do come here, they're playing something of yours on the radio, but I can't think what it is."

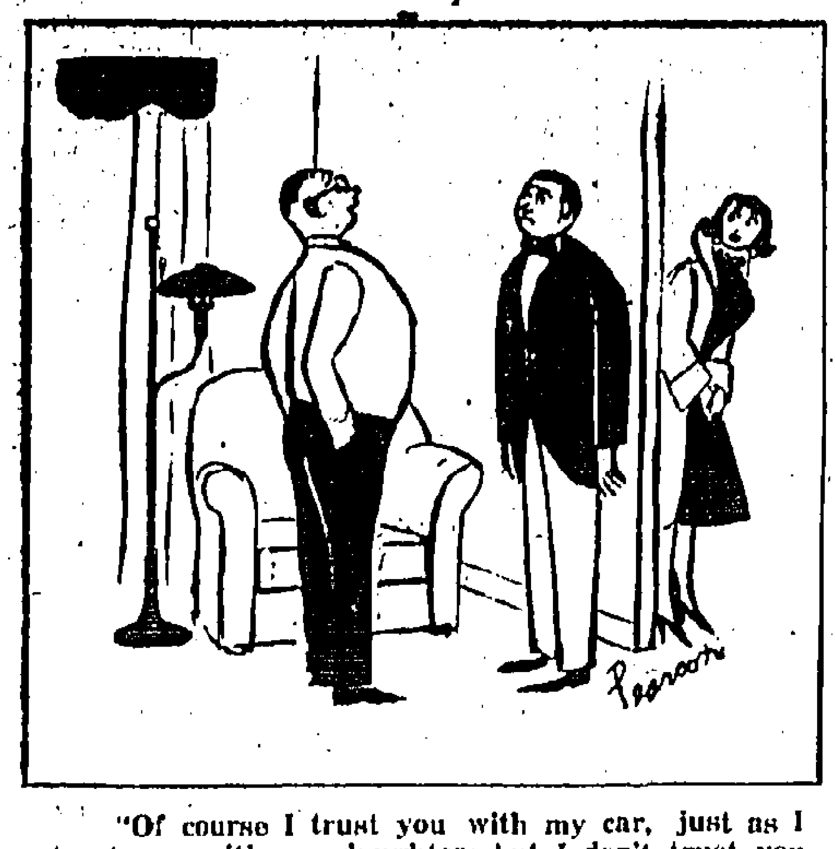
Eric half-opened the door and listened. "Believe it or not," he told Peter Duncan, "I couldn't remember what it was called myself, so I just went back to my developing."

Half an hour later, Mrs Coates called once more, "Listen," she said, "It's 'Knightsbridge.' They're playing it again."

"Oh well," Eric replied, "I don't suppose it will do the march any harm."

A few minutes later the phone began to ring. Callers from all over Britain were being put through by the BBC. They wanted more information about the tune. There were twenty thousand inquiries in a few days, and, eventually, the BBC had to have special slips printed to cope with the demand for particulars.

This Funny World



"Of course I trust you with my car, just as I trust you with my daughter; but I don't trust you with both of them together."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE complaint of a man in a cafe who found a shot in his roast beef suggests that there is some pretty erratic shooting going on in the North.

The usual procedure, when a cow wanders into a butt, is to milk her and set her free. Sportsmen are not supposed to shoot everything in sight, and novices may often be heard asking, "Is that a grouse coming over?" If it be indeed a grouse, the host says, "Of course it is, you fool. Pot it, man!" If it is not a grouse, a cry of "Hold your fire!" warns the too-eager idiot. The wrong thing is sometimes potted by a lady in the party, who has pleaded: "Geoffrey, do let me have a go." None of which really explains the shot in that man's beef.

The Macaroon of Macaroon

IT has often been remarked that the Macaroon of Macaroon needs little excuse for abandoning a shooting-party for a more congenial occupation. Foulenough usually calls on him at this time of the year. They set out with a party to harry the grouse, but before they have gone ten yards from Macaroon Lodge a mirage of bottles wavers before their eyes as they look back at the house. They turn back and, with ribald oaths, settle down to a merry day over the cards. "I never tasted sic a wee drappie my mair." "Nae mair did I, too." "Me too, neither."

No advance on one

"SINGLE in the field," like Wordsworth's solitary Highland Lass, the postman's hair confronts the stars in lonely splendour. It is already long enough to cast a tiny shadow across "that wind-swept plateau which men call a plate" (Keats). Strabismus has smeared the surrounding territory with an oily substance, designed to lure comrade-hairs from their follicular lairs. But still, from "the isles of grease" (Byron), only the one audacious pioneer waves like the flag of some lost cause. "Arnold," says the proud mother, "how does it feel not to be any longer completely cald?" "Ma," replied the tabellarian guinea-pig, "my one fear is that I may fall a victim to sensational journalism. Bar the door to the Press, I beg of you."

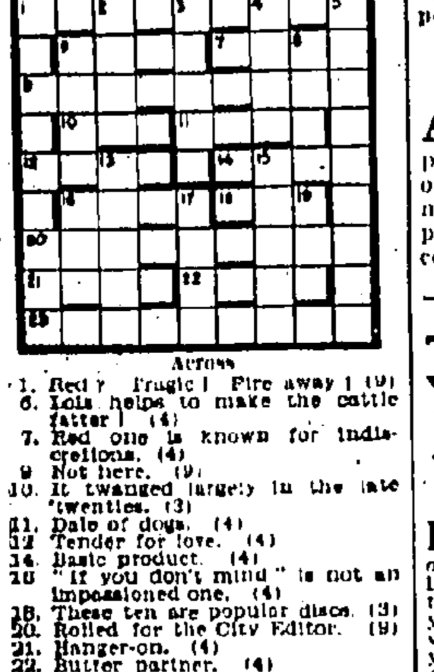
Baker blows crumpet-call

He was playing his coronet outside a public-house, when the police moved him on.

(News item.)

AN impecunious peer, I take it, in need of the price of a pint of old and mild. In spite of the licence allowed to weird musical instruments today, the police refused to consider the coronet in that light.

CROSSWORD

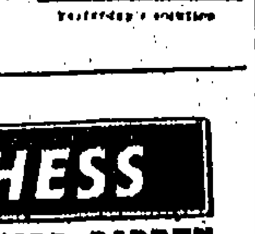


Across

1. Red? Tragic! Fire away! (9)
6. Lois helps to make the cattle fatter! (4)
7. Red one is known for indiscretions. (4)
9. Not here. (9)
10. It twanged largely in the late 'twenties. (3)
11. Dale of dogs. (4)
12. Tender for love. (4)
14. Basic product. (4)
16. "If you don't mind" is not an impassioned one. (4)
18. These ten are popular discs. (3)
20. Rolled for the City Editor. (9)
21. Hanger-on. (4)
22. Butter partner. (4)
23. Found by addition. (3, 6)

Down

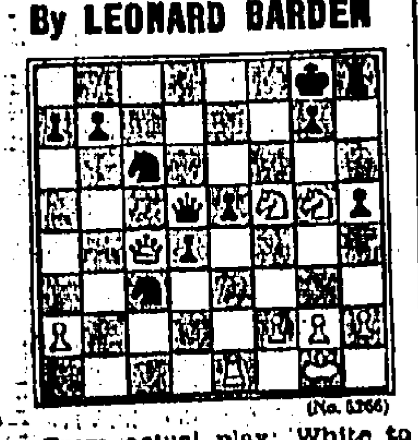
1. Old jokes pulled from the fire? (9)
2. Accepted at Lloyd's. (4)
3. Tree in Heath Row and district. (6)
4. Doesn't sound an inexpensive animal. (4)
5. Puts in the pep. (9)
6. Musical blot? (4)
8. Roundabout district. (4)
13. Press your cuttings here! (5)
15. One of those Italians, in short . . . (5)
16. . . and one of those service doctors. (3)
17. Club for fliers. (4)
19. Lap in reverse, most friendly. (3)



Yesterday's solution

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



(No. 5266)

From actual play: White to move and win.

Solution No. 5265: 1 Q×RP, P—Kt4; 2 Q—Kt4, or 1 . . . K—B4; 2 Q×RP, or 1 . . . P—B4; 2 Q—K7.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Play Can Help Luck

By OSWALD JACOBY

NORTH had just enough cards to warrant his Stayman response of two clubs. When South bit his four card suit North raised him to three and South went on to game. South's no-trump was 16 points only but he had three aces and felt that they would be more valuable in a suit contract than queens and jacks.

As is usually the case when both partners bid their full

NORTH 26
♠ 10 7 5 4
♥ A 9 6
♦ 4 2
♣ K J 7 6

WEST
♠ Q 6
♥ Q 8 3
♦ Q J 10 9 5 3
♣ 4 2

EAST
♠ K 9 8
♥ J 10 2
♦ K 6
♣ Q 10 9 8 3

SOUTH (D)
♠ A J 3 2
♥ K 7 5 4
♦ A 8 7
♣ A 5

Both vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1 N.-T.	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♦ Q

strength and maybe a trifle more, South needed good play and good luck to bring home his contract.

East covered his partner's queen of diamonds with the king and South won with the ace. His next play was the deuce of spades.

West went up with the queen, took his jack of diamonds and continued with the ten spot. South did not make the mistake of ruffing in dummy; he simply discarded the six of hearts.

East signalled with the ten of clubs and West led the four. South won in his own hand with the ace, entered dummy with the ace of hearts, led a low spade and finessed the jack. When the jack held he drew East's last trump, played his king of hearts and trumped a third heart in dummy.

Since hearts broke evenly this established his seven of hearts and gave him his lucky but well-played contract.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
3 ♠	Double	4 ♠	?

You, South, hold:
♠5 4 ♥Q 10 8 7 ♦K J 7 6 5 ♣Q 2

What do you do?

A—Bid five diamonds. You have too much stuff to let yourself be shut out.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding continues. West bids five spades and your partner and East pass. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

BORN today, you have a mind which likes to delve into all kinds of things. Your enthusiasm for living is intense and your intellectual curiosity makes it possible for you to become well-versed in many varying subjects. It is likely that you will have a bent for the exact sciences. It behooves you to cultivate some one talent to the exclusion of all others, for in this world of specialisation you could, much too easily, become a Jack of All Trades, yet a master of none!

Learn to select your sphere of activity cautiously so that you concentrate on one thing at a time. Start a project; finish it before going on to the next. In this manner, you set up a discipline which will be of great benefit throughout your entire life.

The stars have given you considerable business ability, but you are disinclined to commercialise your talents. That is quite all right if there are none to depend upon you for their livelihood.

Demonstrative in showing your affections, you will be happiest if you wed quite early in life. In fact, if you find a sensible, practical marriage mate who can also encourage you in following your ideals and ambitions, you probably will be highly successful. Fond of children you will make a fine parent.

Among those born on this date were: Baron Frederick von Steuben, Revolutionary patriot; Georges Louis Leclerc de Buffon, naturalist; William H. McMaster, educator; Marie Condorcet, philosopher; Peter Lesley, geologist; James R. Haskell, inventor, and John James Albert, topographical engineer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—This is one of your big days this month. Reap the harvest of past efforts. Plan to move progressively in the future too.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Success is in your star these days. Act decisively on something which influences your future happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Pay heed to your intuitions, for they will lead you correctly now. Things are looking up for you! Act accordingly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Combine social and occupational efforts and you will find that the results are highly rewarding.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Promote your own interests and you should find that they receive attention. Domestic affairs are in good aspect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Employment is favoured. If job-hunting, find what you want now. Perhaps you can be of service to someone, too.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Opportunities are likely to be bursting out all over! Now you may select exactly what you want to do.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Step up your selling methods if in retail merchandising. A good promotion letter might bring fine results.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — An active day, but the ultimate results are up to you. You get out of it what you are willing to put into it. Work hard.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Take the lead early this morning and you should get excellent results from your efforts. Initiative counts.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—The stars say it is all right to sign an important paper. A short business trip also would be successful.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Follow plans which are progressive and productive of future results. You can make excellent advances toward your goal.

TARGET

E	M	U
D	T	I
N	I	L

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 40 words, good; 48 words, very good; 54 words, *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION. Admiral alarm amid amidst ameral ARMADILLO arama diorama dram drama lamb lamia llama loam madia mail mali malar mall mallard marl mild mill medal mail molar moral ramal ream.

WOMANSENSE

London Fashion Show

The gown on the left is in the £225-£450 range. An American broadtail wedding gown by the British Fur Trades Alliance, it was seen last week at a display of autumn styles in London. At right is an American cocktail dress by Luis Estevez at the London display. Of blue worsted wool, it is draped at the back from the shoulders and held by a bow at the bottom.—Keystone.

Clean-Out

DESIGNER who has given his flat a seasonal look is **Robert Little.** The sitting-room has bright, lime-green walls, with a paler, greyer green ceiling, and all the paintwork is white.

In summer he takes down all the pictures, leaving the walls cool and bare. He clears away the curtains, and covers the windows with a floor-length expanse of white muslin at 2s. 11d. a yard. And he fills the room with enormous vases of flowers.

Come winter, back will go the pictures, and new curtains of dark green and grey chintz will cover the window walls. But he cannot bear to throw out summer just yet.

On either side of his dead-white fireplace he has two long, low tables, with black iron frames covered in beautiful fabrics, which he changes when he tires of them. And the room is filled with his collecting craze—white porcelain.

Household Hint

A light window shade that has split at the hem above the pull cord is easily mended.

For a durable, almost invisible mend, apply inch-wide colourless cellophane tape to both sides of the shade directly over the split or broken edges, drawing them together.

Nothing Like Exercise To Reshape The Figure

By Ida Jean Kain

REGULAR exercise is rewarding in many ways to the overweight on a diet. With little activity and limited calories, the body fires burn low and you are apt to feel lethargic and depressed. Physical activity can rouse the circulation and help you to come alive. For reshaping the figure, there is nothing to equal specific calisthenics.

Today's exercise programme is by special request of a career girl who is making excellent progress in reducing. Weary after working all day, she asks for easy exercises specifically designed to slim the middle measurements.

An exercise routine need not be strenuous. The technique is this: Direct the action through the muscles that need toning, hold the muscle contraction for a slow count of six, and release the movement slowly. Do not hold your breath while holding the movement . . . . breathe normally.

Here are exercises to slim the waist, abdomen and hips, in that order.

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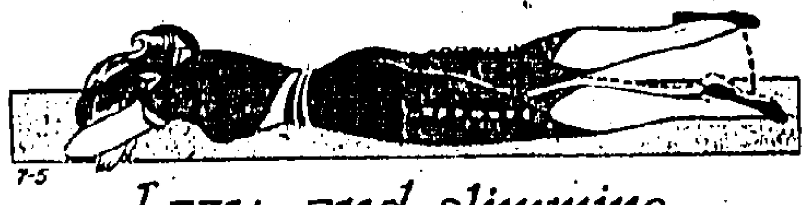
Position: Sit on floor, legs stretched wide apart, arms arched overhead. Pull "slim" through the middle measurement, but keep shoulders relaxed.

Movement: Bend sidewards toward the left, and as you bend, reach out as far as possible toward left toes. Circle upward again, making a wide arc with fingertips as you reach toward the right side. Bend and r-e-a-c-h, then circle slowly, and bend and r-e-a-c-h again. Repeat four counts, rest, then repeat another four counts.

Lie on your back, relaxing with knees bent while you rest a bit. Keep small of back against floor to "rest" your back. That is the position for your second exercise. Have arms down at sides, palms down.

Movement: Starting from base of spine, lift hips off floor, one vertebrae after another. When hips are lifted so that body is in straight line—hold. Then slowly come down, one vertebrae after another. Repeat four counts, rest and repeat another four counts.

Lie face downward, head on folded arms and do this easy exercise to restore tone to the muscles of the hips and abdomen.



Lazy and slimming

Movement: Lift one leg off floor, four to six inches only. H-o-l-d to slow count of six. Lower leg slowly and repeat with the opposite leg, continuing for eight counts. Do not allow a sideward roll to get into the movement. Tense leg, hold firmly and lower . . . . release tension.

Finish with a thorough-going stretching. Just stretch and stretch until you feel released and relaxed.

By Your Bathroom You'll Be Known

THERE can be no shirking the job. To keep the bathroom tidy at all times requires daily attention. However, this should take only ten or fifteen minutes and can be on automatic part of the forenoon household chores, just as picking up newspapers and washing out ashtrays.

Storing all the necessary equipment nearby in a small carton or metal bucket will speed up time required for this jiffy clean-up.

CLEANING AIDS

Have a sponge or cloth for washing, a dry lintless cloth for polishing; soap or detergent, scouring powder; a small brush for scrubbing out small crevices, such as around the faucet bases and in tiled corners.

A long-handled dish mop is a wonderful back-saver for scrubbing out the bathtub.

Wipe the soap dish with a warm, wet cloth and suds out the washbowl. Wipe down faucets, toothbrush racks, and mirrors with a warm, sudsy cloth, then rinse and polish them to a quick shine with the dry cloth so that no water marks will show.

While you're changing towels, use one of the mussed ones for polishing.

When you're going over the washbowl and tub, don't forget the exteriors. Grubby fingerprints and soapy dribbles show up on the smooth surface.

The base of the toilet bowl needs a daily sudsing because that's a place where dampness and dust leave ugly yellow stains.

The inside of the lid should also be washed off daily.

A lot of spilling and smudging around the washbowl can be avoided by providing a footstool for small fry who can't reach the basin.

That depressing ring around the bathtub, after Junior has washed off the marks of his active day, can be avoided by adding a tablespoon of detergent to the bath water. And he'll enjoy the extra suds!

SHOWER CURTAINS

Make it a habit to whisk away the drinking glasses and wash them with the kitchen dishes.

Check the shower curtains each day to see that the last user has spread them open to dry so there's no chance of having mildew and cracks develop in creases that remain damp.

A sudsy brushing with a brush in the tub now and then will keep plastic curtains looking clear and fresh.

The important extras—in addition to the daily few minutes of grooming the bathroom—include washing blinds, mouldings and shelves regularly. The dampness from steaming baths and showers causes dust to settle thickly and stick so that a dustcloth is useless.

DUSTY FILM

All the bottoms of bottles and containers on the shelves soon get coated with this dusty film. Wipe them off with a well-sudsed cloth or sponge to restore their sparkle.

A clear light by the mirror is a bathroom necessity. Take bulbs and globes down regularly and wash off the light-dimming film that collects on the surface.

The inside shelves of the medicine cabinet should be checked frequently to see that dampness from a carelessly dried shaving brush, bowl or razor isn't marring the paint and causing tin containers to rust. Wash them often and apply a coat of wax for extra protection. And keep thick paper coasters under any items that might be put away wet. These are small things to remember, but they do pay off!

—ELEANOR ROSS

TRY THESE . . .

ONCE women had six servants and a good dinner party was a roast and a suet roll. Now they have no servants and the fashion is for elaborate Continental dishes.

Here then are three recipes that are very impressive and yet take little effort and time:—

FROM FRANCE: Fry, but do not brown, four fillets of sole in butter. Add a small wineglass of white wine or sherry, a squeeze of lemon juice, salt, pepper, and a small packet of frozen prawns. Gradually add a teacup of double cream and stir over a low heat until the sauce bubbles and thickens.

FROM ITALY: Lightly fry thin slices of veal in butter. Season, and add a glassful of Marsala and a cupful of thin cream. Garnish with unpeeled mushrooms stewed in butter.

FROM AMERICA: Buy fresh or frozen prawns and wrap each one in a slice of the cheapest and thinnest possible streaky bacon. Thread on to steel knitting needles with some lemon slices, and grill.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Flying Instructor

— He Couldn't Fly, But He Knew The Rules —

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow-Boy with the turned-about name, decided to pay a visit to his good friend Willy, the Toad. When he reached the Cleared Place in the middle of the Pine Tree Grove, where Willy usually sat on his Toad Stool catching flies, he could find no sign of the Toad whatever.

"Willy!" he shouted several times.

The only answer he got back was the echo of his own words.

Glive Came Along

Knarf was about to go when Glive, the snail, came sliding out from underneath a leaf. He opened the door of his house and greeted Knarf with great courtesy. Glive was like a very old man, a bit slow and a bit hard of hearing but exceedingly kindly.

"Looking for Willy, are you, son?" said Glive.

"Yes," said Knarf. "Have you any idea where he is?"

"Let me see," said Glive. "He told me where he was going. . . ."

For a moment or two, Glive stood silently, trying to remember where Willy had gone.

Suddenly he said, "Ah, yes—now I remember! He's down at the Flying Field."

"Flying Field?" said Knarf.

It was the first he had ever heard of a Flying Field being in the neighbourhood.

"That's right," repeated Glive. "Willy's down at the Flying Field, teaching the young 'uns how to fly."

An Open Meadow

As he said this, Glive pointed with a shaking finger toward the other side of the Pine Tree Grove. There was a big open meadow on that side. Knarf knew it well. It was filled with huckleberry bushes and sumach.

"Thank you, Glive," said Knarf. "I think I know where to find him now."

"I'd be going with you, Laddy Boy," said Glive, "only I'm a mite too slow for your young legs. You run on ahead. I'll see you at the Flying Field later."

There Was Willy

Knarf made his way as fast as he could through the tangle of Pine Trees. At length he came out on the open field at the far end of the Grove.

The meadow lay in front of him, wide and open and filled, just as he had remembered, with huckleberry bushes and swaying sumach.

"It doesn't look much like a flying field," Knarf started to say to himself when suddenly he spied Willy. There he was, standing under a sumach tree, with a whole crowd of chattering birds around him. Even from where he stood, Knarf could tell that they were babies—baby Robins, baby Swallows, baby Sparrows, baby Wrens and two little Owls.

"All right now—flap your wings. One, two, three," Knarf heard Willy saying as he began making his way to the crowd of birds.

Willy was standing on a pile of pebbles.

Flap Your Wings

"Flap! Flap!" he went on. "You can't fly unless you flap your wings! Look at me!"

Willy flapped his arms up and down.

The young birds all flapped their wings, then some strange things began happening. Some of the birds rose straight up in the air. Others went skipping and hopping across the meadow. Some of them slipped and rolled and somersaulted.

As for the two Owls, they just stood close together in the shadow of the sumach, blinking. It was almost midmorning. That was very late for them to be up, for they usually went to sleep right after breakfast.

Willy gave the sleepy young Owls a flying lesson.

"Willy!" said Knarf. "How is it you're teaching all these birds to fly? You can't even fly yourself."

He Knew The Rules

"That's all right," said Willy. "I may not know how to fly myself but I know all the rules. Too bad you haven't got wings. I'd teach you how to fly!"

"But I still don't know why you have to teach them," said Knarf.

"Their mammas and pappas are all busy," said Willy. "Somebody has to teach them. Pardon me," he said, suddenly breaking off. "I've got to take care of those two Owls. They're falling asleep on me."

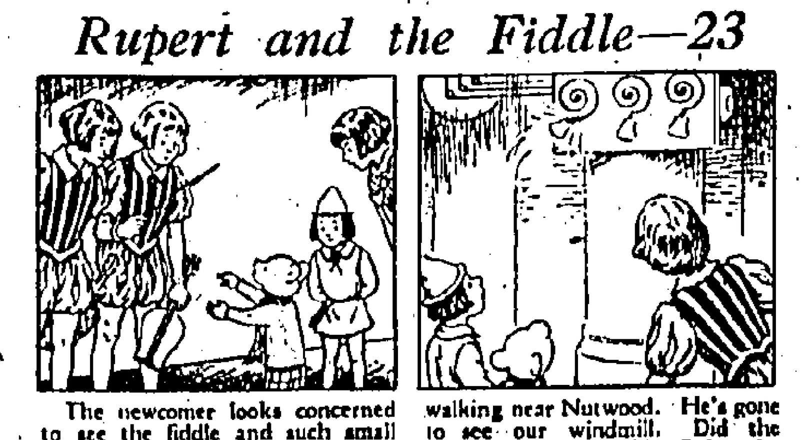
Willy hopped over to make sure he gave the Owls a flying lesson before they fell asleep.

Knarf was half way back to the Pine Tree Grove again when he met Glive.

"Well, did you find him?" asked Glive. "You never knew a Toad could give flying lessons, did you? That's nothing. I used to give running lessons to a lot of Caterpillars in my younger days."

Glive went gliding on, slowly but surely.

Rupert and the Fiddle—23



The newcomer looks concerned to see the fiddle and such small people with it. He calls over his shoulder and is joined by another man. At the sight of him Rupert starts forward. "Oo, look at you!" he cries. "There was another man dressed just like you walking near Nutwood. He's gone to see our windmill. Did the fiddle belong . . .?" Before he can finish there is a loud clanging above his head and all turn to look at the swinging bell. "He is awake! Quick to work everybody," shouts a voice.

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DECISIVE VICTORY OVER THE MINOR COUNTIES

West Indians Conclude Their Tour

Newcastle, Sept. 16.

The West Indies ended their tour with a decisive victory over the Minor Counties by an innings and 103 runs here today.

Resuming at 100 for two wickets, the counties were all out for 189 in their first innings and could muster only 142 in the second attempt after following on 245 behind the West Indies total of 434.

Shawn (72), R. Smiths on (24) and D. Haynes (20) were the only batsmen to offer resistance to the West Indies spinners, Sonny Ramadhin and Alf Valentine.

From 178 for four the counties slumped to 189 all out. Ramadhin took five for 21 and Valentine three for 23.

Wesley Hall removed both opening batsmen for 19 when the counties batted again and Ramadhin and Valentine went through the rest of the side without much trouble despite a hard-hitting last wicket stand of 41.

Five wickets fell between 95 and 101, but Durham wicket-keeper Fox (23) and Lincolnshire pace bowler Cherry-Downs (15 not out) attacked the bowling to good effect without being able to avert the inevitable defeat.

Ramadhin's five for 58 gave him match figures of 10 for 79.—Reuter.

FOREST FULL OF FIRE —BEST FIRST DIVISION DEBUT SINCE SPURS

By JOHN COTTRELL

London.

Broken legs, sprained ankles, pulled muscles . . . that's the story up and down the country as the English soccer season has started with its biggest crop of injuries in years. Ever since the Chelsea and England winger Frank Blunstone broke a leg early in August the stretcher bearers have been finding plenty of customers.

This, and the fact that managers are searching frantically for winning combinations, has meant team changes right, left, and centre. Only a handful of managers in the entire Football League have dealt out the same pack of players every week.

One of them is Billy Walker, manager of newly-promoted Nottingham Forest. He believes in giving his boys plenty of time to prove themselves and settle down together.

The result: Forest have made the brightest start in the First Division since Tottenham won promotion seven years ago. And this is their first season in the top division for 33 years.

Oddly enough, a key man behind Forest's success is volatile Eddie Baily, who also helped Spurs win the Second Division and the League Championship in successive years, 1950 and 1951.

When Baily left Spurs for Port Vale he thought his years in the top-grade were over. Now with Forest he is back where he has always belonged.

At 32, he is still one of the best inside-rights in the game. And this season his passing has been immaculate, his tactical play brilliant.

Forest now have a well-balanced and tremendously keen side. Provided that Walker strengthens his reserves in case of injuries, they should finish well up the table.

CRACKING PACE

Although I doubt if they can keep up with the division leaders for very much longer—Manchester United have set a really cracking pace—Forest should be able to collect at least one point this afternoon. They visit Elland Road where Leeds United do not look half as impressive as in good John Charles' golden days.

While Forest won promotion last season by the slender margin of one point, Leicester City made the grade by a clear seven points. A great future was predicted for them in Division One.

Yet it is Forest who have won all the honours so far. Leicester have made a deplorable start and, as in the past, look like having great difficulty in staying up.

Last year the Leicester attack ran up 109 goals in one season, the second highest total in the League, and held an unbeaten home record until nearly the end of March. This season they have lost two home matches out of three and only big Arthur Rowley has appeared really dangerous in attack.

The City, which has as many Scots as Englishmen signed up, visits Highbury this afternoon. Their two previous postwar meetings with Arsenal have produced draws, and they will have to improve considerably to make it a hattrick.

—(London Express Service).

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE MAGIC OF SHACKLETON

Says Stanley Matthews

London.

One of the few real personalities in football is lost to the watching fans by the retirement of Len Shackleton.

Len did not suit everybody. The Shack magic infuriated many people in football. They didn't like his brand of individualism.

Why, I don't know. Shackleton brought colour to every match he played in.

He had an uncanny sense for an opening, his dribbling was superlative, and few players could stop him once he got going.

I'll never forget Shack's brilliance in the game with Germany at Wembley two years ago. He came over to the right and I slipped the ball to him, running forward for the expected through pass.

OUT OF PLAY

But Shack didn't give me that pass. Instead he swivelled round and then went right through the German defence. He even dribbled round the goalkeeper, but, unfortunately, the ball ran too far ahead and went out of play.

If he had scored it would have been one of the greatest goals of all time. The rest of us could only stand and marvel at the cheeky display.

I've often wondered if his amazing ball control was due to his peculiar feet. His big toes are exceptionally long and he had to pack his boots with cottonwool to level up the other toes.

He always found it difficult to get suitable boots and had to have a plaster cast of his feet to get the right fitting.

Shack may have clowned a lot, but I found him a serious player on the field. He was an artist, and like all artists he had his own odd talents, which he always used to advantage.—London Express Service.

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SKY'S THE LIMIT ON THIS POOL

Littlewoods have abandoned their prize limit of £75,000—and have sparked off a new war between the big pools firms.

Vernons, their biggest competitors, announced at once that they will retain the £75,000 limit.

"We don't believe punters want a return to prizes of £100,000 or more," said a Vernons spokesman.

But a general raising of first dividends in a race to get business was predicted by Mr E. Holland Hughes, Secretary of the Pools Promoters' Association.

COMPLAINTS

Littlewoods were first to limit dividends to £75,000 in December 1950—one month after paying out £104,000 to a North London man.

The reason they gave was "letters of complaint" about prizes of £100,000 or more.

Some clients said such huge sums were "immoral," others that they were "terrified" of winning so much.

The change of policy means that the 6d. Treble Chance Pool will be abolished from September 21 and replaced by a 2d. Treble Chance Pool with no limit to the first dividend.

The maximum football pool prize should be no higher than £20,000, the Royal Commission on Betting, Lotteries and Gaming suggested in its 1951 report.

Their report said: "We observe that the two largest football pool firms have recently limited the amount payable to any one person in the Treble Chance Pool to £75,000, a step which was taken, apparently, in deference to public opinion."

Aldershot Forced To Sell Players To Meet Summer Wages

By ARCHIE QUICK

Colchester and Aldershot are two Football League clubs who have suffered considerably through the reduction in their military garrisons. It shows in their under-8,000 average "gates".

Whereas manager Harry Evans, of Aldershot, has to sell at least one player every season in order to meet summer wages, manager Benny Fenton, of Colchester, is blessed with a large and enthusiastic supporters' club, who pour out money every week to the parent body without having, or expecting, any say in its management.

Mr Evans has coped successfully by selling a trio of goalkeepers in successive seasons, a most unusual feat. Reynolds to Spurs, and Jackman and Brown to West Bromwich Albion. That has kept his head above water. He says: "I have not run out of goalkeepers yet, for I think young Clive Amos, once of Arsenal's third eleven, will also make the first-class grade."

The Colchester Supporters' Club has an impressive record of loyalty. Since the club gained a place in the Third Division South it has raised and handed over £10,000 to the club, and the benefit of that is being seen in the new standard which is taking form at Layer Road. Rarely does a week go by in the winter season without the Supporters' Club presenting Mr Fenton with a £200 cheque for the Ground Improvement Fund, and he now has the Supporters' Club approval to buy a player or two if he thinks it necessary. "I was restricted last season", he said, "and I think that cost us promotion. One good buy last March may have made all the difference, but I was pledged to the money going on the new stand."

ON GOAL AVERAGE

Colchester were beaten by their East Anglian rivals, Ipswich Town, only on goal average, and Mr Fenton still winces at the thought of one more point and Second Division football at Colchester in his first full season as manager.

If Aldershot produces goalkeepers, Colchester can lay claim to being a rearing ground for outside lefts. Benny sold brother Ted, of West Ham United, left winger Gordon Grice last season; now he has discovered a local named Peter Wright who to me looks better than Grice ever was. And Colchester got a near-five figure cheque for the latter! Benny insists, however, that he must keep his players if another promotion bid is to be made this season. "Colchester cannot have the money and the players as well", he said, "and our first aim is Division Two. We shall get more money that way in increased 'gates' than for the outside lefts."

Spinks To Face An Indian Pancho

London, Sept. 16.

Terry Spinks, the 1956 Olympic Flyweight Boxing Champion, now a professional, has been matched against Pancho Bhattachji (India), who has won 12 of his 14 contests.

The fight will take place at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on October 8.—France-Presse.

HOME SOCCER

London, Sept. 16.

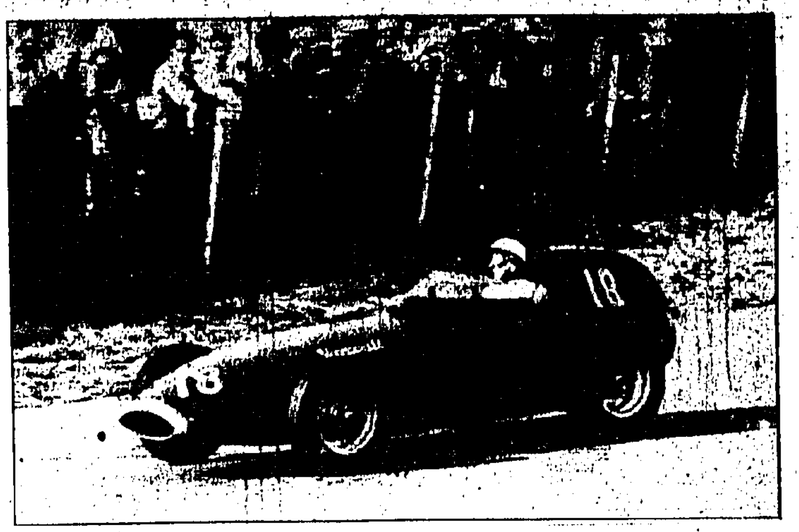
Results in tonight's football matches were:

League Three North

Accrington Stanley	0	Chesterfield	4
Barrow	0	Bradford	0
Bury	8	Tranmere Rovers	2
Gateshead	0	Halifax Town	0
Stockport County	3	Mansfield Town	3
York City	0	Carlisle United	5

—Reuter.

STIRLING MOSS WINS ITALIAN GRAND PRIX



Britain's Stirling Moss won the Italian Grand Prix at Monza in the All-British Vanwall with a record average speed of 120.3 mph. World Champion Juan Fangio was beaten into second place. Picture shows Moss at speed in the race.—Keystone Photo.

A NEW BLOW FOR MR BROWN: TWO MORE STARS WANT TO LEAVE SUNDERLAND

By JAMES CONNOLLY

London.

No end to the trouble at Sunderland. Two more stars—Willie Fraser, the Scottish international goalkeeper, and England left-winger Colin Grainger—said recently that they will ask for transfers.

This new blow for manager Alan Brown, on top of the request for a move by Ray Daniel, is a sequel to a show down demand last week by the senior players, who are disturbed at so many team changes early in the season.

They asked Alan Brown what their position was and would they have to give way to youngsters.

The Sunderland manager replied: "Nothing like that is going to happen . . . at the moment." And that ended the interview.

Colin Grainger, who has been out of the team through injury, told me: "The way things are I don't feel at all happy at Sunderland. The atmosphere is twice as strained as last season.

"I have been at Sunderland nearly six months and I still have not got a house. I am living in an hotel here and have to travel to Wakefield to see my wife.

THE BEST THING

"There is a youngster on the Sunderland first team left-wing at the moment, and now that I have got over my injury a move might be the best thing."

Fraser, who is also out of the first team, said: "All the players gave everything they had at the beginning of the season. Now, with team changes and young players being brought in so rapidly, everyone is uneasy.

"If I can't get in the first team that is fair enough, but the North Eastern League is no good for me. I have to think of my future."

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There's a "bite" again in the game of Eddie Colman, brilliant young Manchester United right-half-back, which was missing towards the end of last season. "It's that stone I have slimmed off," explains Eddie.

During his two years in the Army, Eddie, who was demobbed this summer, put on 2st. He was 9½st. when he joined up.

"It was a different life and a different diet in the Army," he told me. "The extra pounds didn't just slow me down physically but I was sluggish in mind too. It undoubtedly affected my game.

"Now I am down to 10½st. I am fighting fit, and enjoy my football all the more for it."

An in-form Colman will certainly challenge Blackburn's Ronnie Clayton for the right-half spot in England's side. And Clayton is the man tipped as the next England captain.

RUGGED SCOT

How about an international comeback for Jimmy Scoular, Newcastle's rugged little Scottish right-half?

The selectors will watch him during the next few weeks. He is playing better than ever.

"I know I am over 30," he says, "but I am as fit as ever and feel I could still stand the strain of international soccer."

Straight up from Italy is that Tony Marchi, former Tottenham left-half, will be playing with John Charles for Juventus next season.

In Italy they say that although Lanerossi bought Marchi for £40,000, it was the rich Juventus club who put up the money.

And why? In Italy clubs are allowed to sign only one imported player of Italian extraction. Juventus have already paid £90,000 for Argentinian inside-left Omar Sivori.

But, if Marchi plays three games for Italy—and he should this season—he will be classed as a home player.

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Remember Ian Lawson, the 17-year-old centre-forward who burst into the headlines with his goal-scoring feats in Burnley's Cup ties last season?

He is now jockeying between the second and third teams at Turf Moor.

Does that mean that Burnley have written him off as a one-day wonder?

"Not at all," a Burnley official told me. "He came in during an emergency and did remarkably well, but we never pretended he was ready for the strain of regular League football.

A FINE PROSPECT

"He is a fine prospect and we are bringing him along slowly. He will be a better player for it too."

Story behind the selection of England centre-forward Nat Lofthouse on the Bolton right-wing is that, for the first time since he got into Bolton's first team, Nat is now the club's second choice centre-forward.

Nat was fit for the mid-week match against Wolves but he was passed over. He wouldn't have been in the team the other day but for an injury to right-winger Birch.

"It was a tough decision to leave a fit Lofthouse out of the team," manager Bill Ridding told me, "but young Terry Allcock was doing so well that it wouldn't have been fair to drop him. Nat is a great sportsman and he understood."

But don't write off Lofthouse. He is ready to fight not just for a Bolton team place but for an England comeback too.

—(London Express Service).

Rafer Johnson Due On Thursday

Rafer Johnson, world record-holder in the Decathlon, is now expected in Hongkong on Thursday. His first exhibition will be at the Army athletic ground at Boundary Street from 4 p.m. on Friday.

52½ Baskets

Singapore, Sept. 16.

Taipei again scored a century to win their second game of the Nanyang University Cup Basketball Tournament in Singapore tonight.

MEN'S TOURNEY

Results were:

Taipei beat Nanyang University 105-50.

Hongkong Chinese beat Chee Lie (Thailand) 68-65.

Central Malaya beat Wei Sin (Thailand) 74-62.

Hongkong Chinese beat South Malaya 91-55.

WOMEN'S TOURNEY

Central Malaya beat Kuching 30-18.

Medan beat North Malaya 45-24.

Singapore beat Wei Sin (Thailand) 48-26.

Soon Terk (Formosa) beat South Malaya 54—25.

Taipei men raced away to an early lead and piled up their big score against Nanyang University by sharp shooting and quick break-throughs.

Half time score was 61-31.

Taipei's highest scorers were Cheng Tek-yuen (28 points) and Chern Cho-liat (21 points).—Reuter.

Navy v. Georgia And Virginia

Atlanta, Georgia, Sept. 16.

The Chairman of the Georgia Board of Regents, Robert Arnold, said today that the stands would be segregated when the University of Georgia football team meet Navy at Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19.

A spokesman at the US Naval Academy said that the Navy had a clause in its football contracts for Southern games that there would be "freedom of ingress and non-segration of seating for all spectators seeking admission".

But Arnold, head of the governing body for state-supported Georgia colleges, said that all tickets had been sold for the Norfolk game "under the laws of Virginia" and the stands would be segregated.—United Press.

OPTIMISM

Detroit, Sept. 16.

Ray Dumont, founder and President of the National Baseball Congress, predicted today that every nation in the world would be playing baseball by 1960.

Mr Dumont said that by 1975 the annual Global World Series would include 32 champions, instead of the eight competing in the series now underway here.

He said the National Baseball Congress this season sponsored championship tourneys in 20 nations. He said there were teams on every continent except Africa now affiliated with the NBC.

The organisation also has now an association of umpires, scorers and a worldwide contract system controlling transfer of players in member leagues.—United Press.

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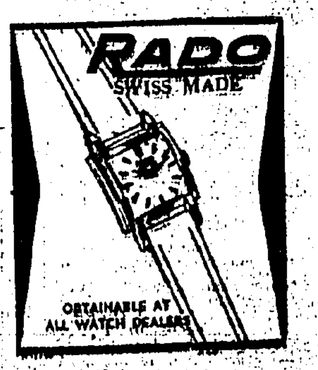

TODAY'S LEAGUE FOOTBALLERS ARE NOT "SOFT"

Fifty First Class Matches A Season Takes Some Doing

Says TOM FINNEY

Ken Birch of Everton is stretchered off playing against Chelsea .....Grenville Hair is carried off at Old Trafford.....Jackie Blanchflower gets concussion at Goodison Park.....Gil Merrick is taken off at Stamford Bridge. These sporting headlines read like a hopital report.

We all appreciate these accidents are unavoidable, particularly in this hectic two-matches-a-week start to the season. But I must say I was more than annoyed with the famous international footballer who played for England many years ago when he said: "TROUBLE WITH THE PLAYERS THESE DAYS, TOM, IS THAT THEY ARE SOFT. PLAYERS IN MY TIME WERE MUCH FITTER AND STRONGER THAN THE LADS OF TODAY."

Now this, I suggest, is not only wishful thinking, but just plain piffle. Every age thinks they produced the finest footballers and the best teams. But no one has yet suggested any good logical reason why men who played the game 30 or 40 years ago should be any fitter or tougher than the players of today.

Training schedules have been tightened up in my time. The speed of the game is faster than it was. There might not be so much dirty play (I wouldn't want to argue about that anyway) but in my opinion you need to be a lot faster and fitter to last the 90 minutes than was the case years ago.

Now don't get me wrong. Everyone appreciates that the great teams of the past, like Arsenal, Sunderland, Aston Villa, Newcastle, and Huddersfield Town, were tops at their particular time.

But science has come into training schedules so much these days that it would be remarkable if modern footballers were not fitter than their fathers and grandfathers before them. Maybe you don't agree . . . but I believe it to be true.

After all, in the old days a footballer might play no more than 35 or so Cup and League games. In modern times players like Roger Byrne, Billy Wright and Duncan Edwards may notch 50 to 60 first class matches—and that takes some doing.

GIVE HIM A BREAK

Jimmy Greaves, at the tender age of 17, has become London's latest soccer sensation. The football world is virtually at his talented feet.

BUT I APPEAL TO THE CROWDS WHO WILL WATCH JIMMY GREAVES THIS SEASON: GIVE THE BOY A BREAK. DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH OF THE LAD. FOR MORE PLAYERS ARE RUINED BY THAT THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

This is the era of the bright young men of soccer. I think that's fair enough. Particularly in a side like Manchester United, where they are continually bringing and nursing the youngsters along in a set pattern.

But Greaves burst into the headlines like an atom bomb. And I am sure that grand soccer character Ted Drake who manages Chelsea will have pointed out to Chelsea's latest shooting star how fickle fame can be. When a youngster comes into the game with a "Bang" like Greaves has done, there is a tendency for football fans to expect wonders from the boy week after week. Soccer is not as easy as that.

Every time that Greaves goes on to the field he will be a heavily marked man. Yes, even though he is only 17. Because the wing-half marking him will be flat out to stop him from pulling off all his tricks.

As a youngster I was probably lucky in making my debut in wartime when crowds were only too glad to see *any* football at all. Then I had the rough edges rubbed off me in Service football, where I came across many top rank stars like Andy Beattie, Matt Busby and Co., so that when I came into League football I had served a fairly varied apprenticeship at the game.

It isn't the fault of Jimmy Greaves that he has won so much publicity and popularity so soon. I've seen him play in five-a side football and he showed splendid ball control. Many of my friends tell me he is a soccer star of the future. That's why I hope the crowds don't spoil him (and the young players like him) by expecting too much *TOO SOON!*

THAT BACKCHAT

There seems to be an idea gaining ground that a football match should be played in dead silence so far as the players and referee are concerned. Well, we all know it is fatal to talk back to referees at the wrong time. But football would be a poor game without a little give and take.

Sometimes the backchat between players and referee restores order by bringing laughter to a situation ready to boil over.

One of the funniest scenes ever between a player and referee concerned our old friend Len Shackleton and his fellow Yorkshireman Arthur Ellis. It was a muddy and windy day, and when Sunderland were awarded a penalty "Shack" hastily grabbed a handful of mud to make a tee for the ball.

"Nay, you can't do that," said Ellis, scooping the mud away with his boot.

"There's nowt in t'rules to say I can't," replied Shack quick as a whiplash.

"Aye, I know," said Ellis with equal speed, "And there's nowt in t'rules to say you can either."

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer
CAAF Cup: Eastern v South China, 6.30 p.m. (Ch). HKFA Council Meeting, at Sports Road, 6.45 p.m.

Diving
Men's Springboard fancy diving finals, LRC, 6.30 p.m.

Tennis
LRC Tennis Championship: Colony Ladies' Singles Final, Club Men's Single Open Club Men's Singles H'cap, Inter-Hong H'cap.

Meeting
HKFA Council Meeting at Sports Road, 5.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

Swimming
RAF Annual Swimming Gala, at Kai Tak, 2 p.m.
Annual Army Inter-Unit Swimming Championships, Victoria Pool, 2.45 p.m.

Tennis
LRC Tennis Championships: Colony Ladies' Doubled Final, Inter-Hong H'cap, Club Men's Singles Open, Club Men's Singles H'cap.

Meeting
HKFA Interport Sub-Committee Meeting at Sports Road, 5.45 p.m.

Home Soccer Results

London, Sept. 16.

Results in tonight's Football League matches were:

First Division

Wolves	2	Aston Villa	1

Second Division

Bristol Rovers	2	Stoke City	0
Sheffield Un.	2	West Ham	1

Third Division (South)

Millwall	3	Exeter	0
Northampton	3	Brentford	1
Plymouth	2	Brighton	1
Port Vale	4	Southampton	0
Q. P. Rangers	2	Swindon	1

—Reuter.

KO From Halimi

Paris, Sept. 16.

Alphonse Halimi, France's World Bantamweight Boxing Champion, knocked out Chick Brogan, the Scottish title-holder, in the second round of a non-title fight here tonight. —Reuter.

SAM SNEAD WINS FIRST MONEY IN DALLAS OPEN

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 16.

Slammin' Sammy Snead, playing without a worry in the world as he coasted along with an insurmountable lead, stacked up the $8,000 first money in the $40,000 Dallas Open Golf Tournament today with a three-under-par 35-33-68 that gave him a 204 for the 72-hole grind.

The veteran West Virginian hillbilly, who has won more tournaments than any pro player in his 21 years as a pro, finished 10 strokes in front of the field and left most of the gallery interest on today's final round concentrated on a bitter struggle for the $4,000 second money.

CRUISING AROUND

Still, most of the crowd of 6,500 could not keep from drifting back to the final threesome where Snead was cruising around the 6,200-yard, par 58-35-71 Glen Lakes Country Club layout with Earl Stewart Jr., and Fred Hawkins, whom he had left far behind yesterday when he built up an eight-stroke cushion to carry into today's final round.

But neither of his partners managed to get into a share of the runner-up spot.

Three players deadlocked for second money with 10-under-par 274s and they won $3,066.67 each for their feats of finishing so far behind the free-swinging Snead. They were Billy Maxwell, Bob Inman and Cary Middlecoff.—United Press.

NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

1 To be pulled?
2 Wisecracks
3 Melodies
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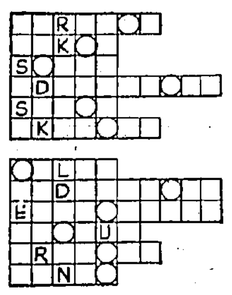
7 Shown in cinemas
8 Comic
9 Amuses
10 Sense of this
11 Is it brewing
12 Makes you laugh



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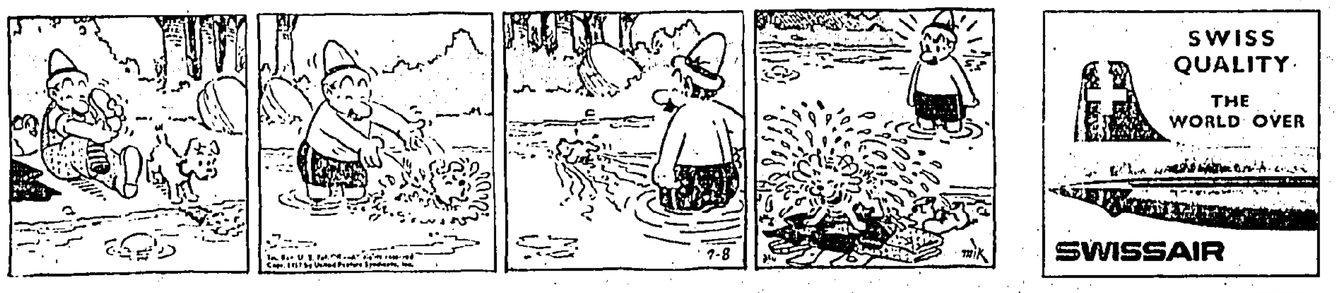

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Two young Londoners are working their way on a journey which takes them from London to London by the most haphazard but also the most interesting route.

TWO Londoners on a world tour with a difference have arrived in Hongkong. The difference? Never quite sure where they are going next, when, and whether funds will permit. On this rather shaky set-up they have seen more of what makes the world tick than the average globe-trotter.

They are John Gettrup of Dulwich who intends to write a book of their travels, and Francis (known as Frank) Shortis of Farnham, Surrey. John gave up his job with the family chemical and plastic business and Frank a career in the Insurance and Banking world to "do a little bit more than just earning a living" and to have "time for thinking."

Frank Shortis and John Gettrup—a China Mail photo.

Good Combination

By Joyce England

They have tackled all kinds of jobs to make money to take them on their tour, from "pick and shovelling it" on railroads to gardener and groundsman at a large private school in Sydney.

Frank is the cautious member: "Can we afford it?" John the optimist "Yes, we may never have the opportunity again."

It is a good combination.

They didn't arrange the tour together but met by chance in a hotel in Canada's Rocky Mountains, found they had a mutual desire—to take a trip to Melbourne for the Olympic Games and that is how it began.

Frank went to Canada first in 1955 and got a job as a brown-coated storeman—lugging cans of milk and sides of meat about—in a Canadian Pacific Railway hotel in the Rockies. Canada is a land of fabulous hotels, he said.

In the winter he took a clerical job in Toronto and the "lure" of the Olympics prompted him to book a passage to Australia. His next summer job was again in the Rockies at Jasper Park Lodge, Alberta.

This time he was a houseman. It sounded like promotion and was—the pay was better. He said it doesn't matter what job you do in Canada and America, you can still mix freely in the evening.

John took up the story at this point. He was a keen athlete, a member of Herne Hill Harriers and used to represent London teams on the Continent. His speciality was pole vaulting and he trained very hard hoping for a place in the Olympic Games. But he broke his arm, which put paid to his chance so this urged him to go abroad to work his way to Melbourne.

A friend in Copenhagen said in effect "travel West young man" so before he knew where he was he was working with a gang of men of all nationalities bridge-building on the railroad in British Columbia. From Windsor, Canada, he had acted as companion-driver to someone taking delivery of a new car there. Most of the trip had been through America.

A "very well paid" job as a trainman took him to Jasper. There is a single track through the Rockies and his job was to run down ahead of the train and switch it into a siding when it was necessary.

The 14-piece band at the hotel where John was working took him there very often, "whilst I was dancing Frank was sweeping the dining room next door."

They were at last introduced by two English girls who knew they were keen to go to Melbourne. Frank went off first to New Zealand.

He took a couple of jobs there, one as a barman. And spoke of the study in contrasts which characterised their travels. They were either "slumming or first classing it." One day he was sitting by the roadside nursing his corns after a spell of hitch-hiking, the next day sitting on the same row as the Governor-General in Wellington's Cathedral Church when he visited relations in that city.

John got to Vancouver to find he had just missed the last ship for the Games and very dejectedly went along to the Qantas office but they were tremendously booked up. A week later he heard there had been a cancellation, which was wonderful news.

He didn't waste time in Vancouver, he worked in a garage and helped out during the Autumn rush at a chain store.

After this he had the luxury of the air-trip and the "fabulous, romantic" cities en route. "I always found myself alone or with Frank in the most romantic places," he said ruefully.

After the Games in Melbourne they parted company again. Money was beginning to run out. John looked at sheep farms but this "didn't appeal at all." He arrived in Sydney by bus with £3 7s. 6d. and his first month's board was £3 10.

He found the Australians very easy-going.

He liked gardening so went down to a residential district of Bondi Beach and knocked on the door at the first place which had weeds in the garden. As a result he got four jobs at houses and a wonderful job as gardener and groundsman to a large private school. He worked very hard even at the week-ends which amazed the Australians who like their leisure time.

Frank in the meantime was sorting Christmas mail at Melbourne's GPO and "pick and shovelling it" on the railway in New South Wales. The heat was intense and life in the nearest town was very quiet so he joined John again in Sydney and slept on the floor. He got a job as a photographer's representative, knocking on doors "something I would hate to do at home."

Suddenly Frank decided he would like to be on his way home by October and a friend in India had said "come home this way."

Their original thought was to track across Australia to Perth either walking or hitch-hiking but eventually bought an old car from a friend which they sold for the price they had paid for it in Perth.

On the Gorgon in the company of 2,500 sheep and 30 head of cattle they reached Singapore, where they intended to stay a few days to work out how to get up through Malaya and Burma to their tea-planter friend in West Bengal.

The few days turned into three weeks and friends said "If you like Singapore, you must go to Hongkong it is so much better." They looked round for the cheapest way to get there.

For a little over HK$100, they travelled as deck passengers on the Hai Lee on the distinct understanding they would not complain about the food and conditions as normally Europeans aren't carried on deck.

"We were very fortunate," they said. Twenty-two pretty Chinese actresses were returning on the same boat from a Malayan trip. Apart from the large bowls of rice and green vegetables for breakfast taking "a little getting used to" and being treated as "quite a novelty" by the crew, the trip was enjoyable.

Cheapest Way

They are now looking round for the cheapest way to get to Japan—they say the difficulty is finding work now. They have travelled round Hongkong on lower decks of ferries and trams, walking round back streets where tourists seldom go, taking photographs everywhere.

Hongkong has impressed them more than any other city in the 15 countries they have visited. The "teeming mass of humanity" amazed them whilst the lights at night from the Peak they thought "magnificent."

John wants his book to encourage young people from Britain to travel and then return home with new ideas. To appreciate England you must travel, he says.

He feels strongly about the trend there to get into a set routine with a complacent outlook. "The more you do, the more is open—the world is open," they both said. To have friends all over the world makes for international understanding also.

But they still think London is the best place in the world.

Who Gets The Laughs?

By ANTHONY FULLER
China Mail Film Critic

IT'S all in a state of mind, I suppose, but here again is one of those giggles that the inhibited West enjoys at the expense of the uninhibited East. "Navy wife" is an unpretentious little comedy of life in Japan as seen through eyes of an American Navy wife. When I say "giggles" I mean the fun arises out of situations that usage, for us, has robbed of all amusement.

We might find it strange that Peg Blain (Joan Bennett) should hire so many servants to vie with her household chores. At the same time a geisha who virtually takes over the running of a house is a bit far fetched.

The desire to import Western democracy is a bit exasperating. I would go as far as to say that I can look at this film and see quite easily that the laugh is on us.

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However, "Navy Wife" now showing at the King's and Princess, has Joan Bennett join her husband, (Gary Merrill) in occupied Japan. Most of the comedy revolves about her explanation to the Japanese women of the small village taken over for the families of the military of the way Americans treat their women-folk. The complications arise out of her teaching.

Film interest exists in the co-starring of Shirley Yamaguchi, the beautiful Japanese actress. She is the exquisite geisha who befriends the Americans who take over a small Japanese village outside the U.S. Navy base of Sasebo.

The story is taken from the book by Tais Blain, and produced by Walter Wanger. It is one of many such books that have come out of occupied Japan; the Orient as seen through American eyes. But considerable acquaintance with the East provokes this question, Who's getting the laughs? We might laugh aloud, but I think our Oriental friends are having a very, very deep chuckle up their sleeves.

RADIO Hongkong

6.30 p.m., Over the Hills and Far Away presented by Daphne; 6.45, Frank Petty Trio; 6, Time Signal, Programme Summary; 6.02, "Round the World"—Songs and Dances commentary by Douglas Kennedy; 6.30, Romantic Sketches for Orchestra—Georges Tzipine and his Orchestra; 7, I Hear Music—Max Jaffa with the Orchestre Elegante and John Hauxvell (BBCTS); 7.30, First Hearing presented by Ronald Decent; 7.58, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal, The News; 8.06, Commentary; 8.15, Claude Yvoire and the Radio Geneva Orchestra; 8.45, The Music Makers; 9.15, Letter from America by Alistair Cooke; 9.30, The Story of Charles Cochran—Memories of the Great Showman, Written and Narrated by Eric Maschwitz, BBC Concert Orchestra cond. by Charles Mackerras' Part 1; 10.30, Popular Dance Orchestras—"Surprise Party"; 10.50, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Reel; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m., Musical Matinee; 3.30 Partners In Song—Featuring The Four Knights; 4, Tea Time Rendezvous; 4.30, Vocally Yours—Featuring Frank Sinatra and Sarah Vaughan; 5, Children's Corner; 5.30, Progressive Jazz; 6, Torch Tones—Show Tunes and Light Concert Favourites played by Sidney Torch and his Orchestra; 6.28, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, Bandcall; 7, Personality Parade — Betty Hutton; 7.15, Summer Evening Serenade; 7.30, Summertime; 7.45, The Story of Jane Armitage; 8, Time Signal and the News; 8.09, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 8.15, Strange Tales of Easterman—Episode 23; 8.30, Yours Sincerely—Vera Lynn sings songs you will want to remember; 9, John Diamond — Adventurer — Episode 20 "Manhattan East"; 9.30, Moods in Music; 10, Music Hall Varieties; 10.30, The Hour of Charm; 11, Date With Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude To Midnight; 12 Midnight, "God Save The Queen." Close Down.

TELEVISION

6 p.m., Children's Hour "Cartoons"; 6.15, Children's Films; 6, Close Down; 7, English Talent Time; 7.30, "Crosstalk"...With Wong Kam-Tong and Joe Clark; 7.45, Rediffusion Newsreel:—World and Colony Events; 8, Cantonese: Film: "Good Luck Charm" (Part 2); 8.30, "Lilli Palmer"; 8.45, Calling Card (Chinese); 9, Mr District Attorney" Starring David Brian; 9.30, Evening Feature Film: "Calling Paul Temple"; 10.30, Late Night Final: — News Headlines, Weather Report and Announcements. Close Down.

Comet Flight

London, Sept. 16.

A Comet jet airliner which left London airport this morning for Beirut returned here tonight.

The pilot, Captain Peter Kane, had breakfast here this morning, lunch in Beirut and was back home for dinner.

The British Overseas Airways Corporation plane was on the first flight on this route since the Comet series was withdrawn from service in April, 1954.—United Press.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
By Air
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
By Air
Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, Japan, 10 a.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, Noon.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
P. East Africa, S. Africa, Noon.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, Hoihow, 7 a.m.
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Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 2 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
P. East Africa, S. Africa, 1 p.m.
India, Pakistan, Iraq (Mshe via Bombay, P. India, Parcels via Karachi, P. Gulf, Parcels direct), Noon.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Jamaica, 11 a.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Formosa, 11 a.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 2 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Burma, 3 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Port Said, Egypt, (Netherland & Germany, Parcels direct), 11 a.m.
Italy, France, Noon.
Indonesia, Noon.
Japan, Canada, 2 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

HOOVER and LIBERTY: "Gun Glory". A Shane class Western starring Stewart Granger.

KING'S and PRINCESS: "Navy Wife" a comedy with a Japanese setting, starring Joan Bennett, Gary Merrill and Shirley Yamaguchi.

METROPOLE and STAR: "Hit and Run": Pick-up girl, hush-up lover — and its inevitable sequel, murder. Starring Cleo Moore and Hugo Haas.

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "The Prince and the Showgirl". Ruritania comes to London Town for the Coronation. Sir Laurence Olivier, Dame Sybil Thorndike, and Marilyn Monroe.

ROXY and BROADWAY: "Forty Guns". Yet another Western. Barbara Stanwyck and Barry Sullivan.

AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER
by H. King Wood

Melbourne, (By Airmail)

MELBOURNE last week basked in really magnificent spring weather so unusual for Melbourne at any time that it set all Melbourne talking.

It must be admitted that the unusual warmth, the thousands of trees in new leaf and the bright green of the parks with which the little place is so richly endowed did seem to make Melbourne unusually attractive.

Perhaps it is because Melbourne has not reached the stage of a really bustling city that the inhabitants are so intensely loyal to everything concerning Melbourne.

We were asked a thousand times "What did you think of our Olympics?" despite the fact that the Olympics are now nearly a memory of 12 months ago, anyone there will tell you that, according to the Commonwealth Statistician, the population by 1966 will be 10,000 more than Sydney and nearly as many have the information at their fingertips that Victoria has attracted 46 per cent of all migrants.

If one gets tired of these figures they will show you literally thousands of steel girders pointing skywards and they know the height that each new building is to be, the cost and when it is to be completed.

Really Something

It is true that the building activity in Melbourne is really something but all is still in the girder stages.

The ICI has a long way to go to complete a 22-storey building (tallest in Australia you will be told a thousand times); the Commonwealth Government is building a mighty block of offices that will cost more than £6 million and various insurance companies and banks have works in progress.

At the moment Victoria is certainly going places and with the intense local pride that the inhabitants have plus the driving power by the Government seeking new industries for the State it could well be that Victoria will be ahead of NSW well before 1966.

The sale by a Melbourne retailer of nearly 400 Japanese lambswool twin sets at £6/5/- each brought swift action by the Textile Workers' Union this week.

The Union complained that the sets were selling at much less than the wholesale price of similar garments made in Australian mills.

The general secretary of the union, Mr A. Loft, claimed that Japanese goods were appearing in shops now — before the Japanese trade agreement had been ratified.

He said that the sale of Japanese goods at low prices would result in unemployment among Australian textile workers.

The union had reported the sale of the twin sets to Labour MPs in Canberra, asking them to take up the matter with the Government.

A spokesman for the firm said that the twin sets were bought before the Japanese trade agreement had been entered into.

Plenty Of Shouting

He said that 400 of the twin sets were offered for sale at the firm's three stores and all but a few dozen had been sold.

The chairman of the Australian Knitting Industry Council, Mr F. G. James, said that he would discuss with the Minister for Trade, Mr McEwen, in Canberra the effects of the Japanese trade treaty.

Mr James said he would carry with him one of the Japanese twin sets.

There is no doubt that the Japanese - Australian Trade Treaty will be ratified by Parliament, but meanwhile there is plenty of shouting on the subject.

Woolgrowers and Federal Cabinet seem to be the only people who are really happy about the Agreement.

The Australian Tariff Board which hears requests from Australian industry for tariff protection against imports has already expressed the fears that Australian industries will be seeking much higher tariffs because of the competition from Japan.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, however, is quite certain in his own mind of the benefits from the pact.

He declared in the House this week that the Treaty will be looked back on "as a sound step in Australia's march to a great economic future."

He stated later "the Japanese would not be such fools as to throw away the benefit of the Trade Agreement by acting in bad faith."

Labour's Mr Eddie Ward, who can always be depended on to be well against the Government, has scoffed at the Japanese Government's assurance to use restraint when exporting to Australia.

He quoted instances of underselling of cloth in New Zealand: "You can buy Japanese cloth at 9/6 a yard retail in New Zealand which would wholesale at 49/6 a yard in Sydney," he declared.

Whether Mr Ward be right or wrong there is a very real fear that the Trade Agreement with the Japanese is going to play havoc with many Australian industries, but particularly in the textile field.

Reprimand

Back in Sydney a hair-shirt hornet's nest was stirred up when a sergeant of police in the suburb of Vaucluse gathered together three youths who had dirtied the white stone fences of two cottages; had them provided with water, soap and brushes and made them scrub the full length of the fences.

The sergeant's superintendent more or less reprimanded him on the understandable grounds that police cannot become a power unto themselves and hand out punishment as they think fit.

This idea was also sustained by the Commissioner of Police who said the precedent was dangerous but in this particular instance the sergeant had acted in good faith.

Nearby citizens, however, have strongly approved the sergeant's action, claiming that he did far more real good in having the culprits clean up the mess rather than let the court fine them a few shillings—which would not have cleaned the fence for the victims nor had any real effect on the culprits.

First In 12 Years

Half a dozen of the 15 small boys in Warland Road, Moorabbin, (near Melbourne) took big armfuls of flowers to one of the 30 houses in their street this week.

The flowers were for Mrs Gerald Basterfield and her three-day-old baby, Corinne—the only girl born in the street since it was opened 12 years ago.

The boys also sent her a card. "Everyone was saying there was a hoodoo on our street," one of the eight-year-olds said.

"I suppose it'll be like the four-minute mile. Now Mrs Basterfield has had a daughter all the mothers will be having girls."

Out With The 'Roo

A suggestion that the kangaroo should be removed from our cattle-tail emblem and replaced by a sheep was made at the annual meeting of the Graziers' Association this week.

One delegate said that in this way public sympathy to the kangaroo, which was causing havoc to many properties in the country, could be changed.

Another delegate said the kangaroo problem in his district was serious.

Mobs were breaking into crops and pastures and causing heavy losses to farmers.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

'Uncertainty On Wall Street' Scare

US SNEEZES & THE WORLD CATCHES COLD

London, Sept. 16.

"Uncertainty on Wall Street." Of late, this phrase has been creeping into market reports with something like alarming regularity. So and so's shares have eased because of "uncertainty on Wall Street." Such and such markets have been dull and trends lower because of "uncertainty on Wall Street."

It is the old, old story of America sneezing and the rest of the world catching a cold. May be they don't exactly catch cold with each American economic sniffle; but they certainly get an attack of jitters.

And because of recent persistence of uncertainty in that cavernous New York thoroughfare the nervous elsewhere are already mumbling about a United States recession. This latter contingency is of course recurrent nightmare of those who cast their bread on waters of stock markets.

Nervousness

If, however, nervousness of alarmists is not justified then no more so is the breezy assurance of others that the American Government will in some unspecified way keep the boom growing.

Obviously the United States Government is not going to stand by and haplessly watch the spread of a recession which might repeat the economic cataclysm of 1929-31.

At the same time signs are becoming clearer that the present lapse by the vast and wealthy American economy is not going to elicit quite the same reaction by the Federal Reserve authorities as was the case on the last occasion about four years ago. Then authorities recharged the nation's economic batteries with a monetary policy described as one of "active ease"

Re-implement

This has bred the impression that the Federal Reserve authorities will ever be ready rapidly to re-implement this policy at the first signs of an economic pause.

Causes of "uncertainty of Wall Street" have been plain for some time. Signs have been a standstill in American industrial expansion (although there has been no contraction) during the last eight months or so and a marked decline in Wall Street prices since July. This has meant a drop in America's demand for raw materials with the consequent and obvious effect on the producing countries.

Normal consumer buying is being well-maintained. But there is a falling off in industrial orders for new capital equipment. And so far there is no sign of any reversal of Government's reduction and postponement of defence orders.

The Upsurge

Throughout these economic doldrums businessmen in USA have been consoling themselves with the assurance that autumn would see a revival of the upsure. Well, here's autumn. Where's the upsurge?

This absence of revival is causing anxiety both in USA and elsewhere.

Now a lot of faith is being pinned to the automobile industry and its autumn models. But even the most facile of optimists sees a prospective snag there. A tighter money policy in the country looks like pushing up loan interest rates and since so many of America's automobiles are bought on "never-never," chances are that many would-be car-buyers will think twice before committing themselves. And this apart from the normal gamble of whether new models will "click" with public.

And so anxiously America—and a large slice of the economic world—watches the US Government to see what it plans to do about setting the boom in motion again.

There is a strong school of thought which holds that the Government is being deliberately poker-faced; that it feels that stimulus given during the last economic pause bred too facile an acceptance of monetary authorities willingness to step in immediately and oppose even the most temporary lapse from persistent inflation; and that Government is convinced the boom is going ahead only with a switch of emphasis from manufacturing industries to services.

All this may be very true. And American industry may benefit from being taught it has got to learn to stand on its own feet without governmental molly-coddling.

But in the meantime until the US Government shows its hand there will doubtless continue to be "uncertainty on Wall Street" with all that it entails.—London Express Service.

Attempts To Stem Drain Of Reserves

London, Sept. 16.

An article in the Financial Times said that there are some indications that the efforts the Japanese authorities have been making in recent months to stem the spectacular drain on official gold and foreign exchange reserves may soon be bearing fruit.

"Yet it is difficult to believe that the Japanese Central Bank's recent forecast that the country's external payments will be in equilibrium again by the end of the year will not be proved over-optimistic," this London daily's commentator on banking and finance argued.

"It is not easy to see how imports are to be brought down at the speed required to establish a stable equilibrium in Japan's external payments within a matter of a few months without causing a severe dislocation of the Japanese economic system.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

"The upsurge in Japanese imports over the past year or two is attributable in part to the country's extensive capital outlays—which have generated a considerable additional demand for foreign raw materials and industrial equipment—and in part to the growth of inflationary pressures.

"A sudden sharp contraction in the inflow of foreign goods must tend to give a severe jolt to the development programme and at the same time to accentuate inflationary processes by further widening the money-goods gap.

"It is doubtful whether the Japanese authorities will be either able or willing to go to these lengths to restore external equilibrium quickly," the Financial Times writer added.—Reuter.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Sept. 16.

Closing rates were:

New York	2.78¼-2.78⅜
Montreal	2.67⅞-2.69
Amsterdam	10.60⅝-10.60¾
Brussels	139.05-139.07½
Copenhagen	19.33¾-19.34
Frankfurt	11.67¼-11.67⅜
Milan	1742½-1743
Oslo	19.94-19.94¼
Paris	1174-1174½
Stockholm	14.43¼-14.43⅜
Zurich	12.16-12.16¼

Others unchanged.

New York exchange rates were unavailable.—United Press.

NAMESAKES

Answers:—1 Strings, 2 Jokes, 3 Songs, 4 Adventures, 5 Stage, 6 Ukelele, 7 Films, 8 Ridiculous, 9 Entertains, 10 Humour, 11 Trouble, 12 Funny. George Formby.

Finland Follows Devaluation With Price Freeze

Helsinki, Sept. 16.

The Finnish Government today announced a complete freeze of prices in Finland from tomorrow (Tuesday) until the end of October. Prices are to be frozen at the level prevailing last Saturday, before yesterday's devaluation.

At the same time a new liberalisation of imports from Western countries, excepting dollar countries, was announced.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $454,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	850		1 @ 880
INSURANCES			
Union	90		
SHIPPING			
Wheelock .	7.80	7.85	1000 @ 7.80
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf .		122	
Dock	52½	53½	500 @ 53¼
Sh. Dock ..			652 @ 1.70
P'vident (O)	11.90	12.10	
" (Rts.)	1.20		600 @ 1.20
HK Hotel ..	15	15.20	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Land ..	34½	35	1000 @ 35
Humphreys	10.10	10.30	
Realty	1.45	1.50	
RUBBER			
Amalg.	1.525	1.55	20,000 @ 1.55
UTILITIES			
Tram	23.20	23.40	
Yaumati ...	103	105	
C. Light (O)	18.60	18.70	1500 @ 18.80
			6000 @ 18.70
			250 @ 18.21
" (Rts.)	12.70	12.90	700 @ 12.80
Electric	28.40	28.60	
Macao E. ..	10.40		
Telephone	27½	27.70	1500 @ 27.10
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement		29	500 @ 29.20
			500 @ 29
			2150 @ 28.80
Rope	14.60		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	15.60	15.70	502 @ 15.00
			500 @ 15.60
Watson	12.40	12.60	
COTTONS			
Textiles		4.47½	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Entert		23.40	
INVESTMENTS			
Yangtsze		6¼	
Allied	4.15		1000 @ 4.20

GERMAN BONDS ACTIVE IN LONDON

London, Sept. 16.

German bonds moved ahead smartly on the London Exchange following announcement of the Adenauer victory. Elsewhere the market was quiet and irregular.

In the German issues gains of a point or more appeared in the Dawes 5 per cent and the Young Loan 4½ per cent liens. Potash bonds closed unchanged. Oil shares had another uneasy day with a loss of more than 4/- in Royal Dutch and smaller losses in British Petroleum and Shell.

Gilt-edged securities hardened at the opening, but there was no further movement and prices closed unchanged. Coppers opened strong but closed below their best levels of the day.—United Press.

NY SILVER PRICES

New York, Sept. 16.

Handy & Harman, bullion dealers, today quoted the price of silver at 90⅝ cents a fine ounce, up 0.405-cent from Friday.

The price of the white metal was cut the same amount on Friday. The two price changes, according to Handy & Harman, reflected normal supply-demand factors.

In London, spot silver held unchanged at 78¾ pence.—United Press.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Sept. 16.

Rex Rubber futures today closed 15 points lower to 20 points higher with sales of 67 contracts.

Sept.	29.50
Nov.	29.70
Jan.	29.90
Mar.	29.90
May	29.90
July	29.90
Sept.	29.90

Standard contract closed 15 lower to 20 points higher with no sales reported.

Sept.	29.50
Nov.	29.70
Jan.	29.90
Mar.	29.90
May	29.90
July	29.90
Sept.	29.90

Forward position staged a smart rally after a slower start, but nearby deliveries continued to lag under September liquidation and hedging. The improvement, coming in mid-morning dealings, reflected a recovery at London and reports of sizeable purchases by Russia of rubber afloat to the United Kingdom and fair amounts due around January.

Shipments offerings were moderate, with some fair-sized sales worked with Thailand. Reported sales, all cost and freight, Sept-Oct. shipment, included one sheets at 29⅛ and 29¼ cents; three sheets at 28¾ cents and 20⅝ cents a pound.

Domestic factory buying, however, continued slow. Spot No. 1 Rss was quoted at 29¾ cents.

SINGAPORE

The market opened lower on overseas advices and eased further on heavy liquidation by upcountry centres. Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Oct.	84-84¼
Nov.	84¾-85
No. 2 rubber per lb. Oct.	83-83½
No. 3 " "	82½-83
No. 4 " "	80½-81
Spot rubber unbaled	83⅞-83⅝
Blanket crepe	78-80
No. 1 pale crepe	94-96

LONDON

The rubber market was barely steady with spot quoted at 24¼ pence. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	24¼-24½
Settlement house term:	
October	24¼-24½
November	24⅝-24¾
December	24½-25
October/December	24⅝-24¾
January/March	25¼-25⅜
April/June	25⅝-25¾
July/Sept.	25⅞-26
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
September	24¼-24½
October	24⅜-24½
November	24⅝-24¾

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Sept. 16.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today three to 13 points lower with sales of 269 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to one point higher with sales of 44 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed quiet with light buying orders in the November delivery.

Contract No. 4 (world)

October	4.00
January	4.22
March	3.92
May	3.91
July	3.92
October	3.92
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.93

Open interests: 6,765 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

November	5.07
March	5.45
May	5.50
July	5.56
September	5.63
November	5.60
Spot (cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.70

Open interest: 823 contracts. —United Press.

Stocks Unable To Extend Recovery On Wall Street

New York, Sept. 16.

Stocks lapsed into routine again, unable to extend last week's recovery spurt without fresh incentive.

Price changes generally were small. Volume was light—only 1,290,000 shares against 1,620,000 on Friday. The decline, nevertheless, was sufficient to wipe out the small net gains scored for the week in the industrial and general market averages.

Prices opened narrowly irregular, slipped to the day's lows around noon and then met modest support. Copper stocks were among the soft spots, along with selected tyre shares, chemicals, aircrafts, oils.

Of a total 1,128 issues traded, 564 closed lower, 307 higher and 257 unchanged with 8 at new highs, 47 at new lows.

Final Losses

Final losses among the metals ran to a point or more in American Smelting, Alcoa, Aluminium, Kennecott Copper.

US Steel lost a point and Armco almost that much. Leading motors were fractionally lower. Goodrich and General Tyre lost to two points each.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $2,091,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 760,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	470.08
20 rails	131.71
15 utilities	67.00
65 stocks	163.71
40 bonds	85.21
Comm. future price	150.09

Closing Prices

Allied Chemicals	$ 84
Allied Mills Inc.	28½
Allis Chalmers	31⅝
American Airline	16¾
American Cable & Radio Corp.	4⅞
American Cyanamide Co.	41⅞
Amer. & Forgn. Power	14½
Am. Gas & Electric	33¼
Am. Mach & F'dry.	37⅞
American Metal	21¾
American Smelting	50⅞
Am. Sugar Ref.	28¼
American Tel & Tel	171½
American Tob. "B"	72¼
Anaconda Copper	52⅞
Armco Steel	55¼
Armour	13⅛
Atlas Cons. Mining	15¾
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	12⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	40¾
Beneficial Finance	18⅞
Bendix Aviation Corp.	52¼
Benguet Cons.	1⅜
Bethlehem Steel	44⅛
Boeing Airplane	40⅝
Borden (The) Co.	60⅞
Burroughs Add Machine	40⅛
Campbell Soup Co.	33⅞
Canadian Pacific R.	30⅞
Case (J. I.) Co.	17¼
Cat. Tractor	84⅞
Celanese Corp.	14⅞
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	42⅞
Chase Manhat. Bank	50⅞
Chrysler Motors	75¾
Climax Molybdenum	70
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	47⅝
Colombian Carbon Co.	40
Commercial Credit	47½
Commonwealth Elec.	27⅝
Consolidated Edison	42¼
Continental Oil of Del.	57
Crown Zellerbach	47½
Cuban Amer. Sugar	22¼
Diamond Alkali	42
Douglas Aircraft	65¾
Dow Chemicals	55⅝
Dupont de Nemours	183¾
Eastern Airline	33⅛
Eastman Kodak	90
El Paso National Gas	32⅛
Family Finance Corp.	25⅞
Firestone Tyre & Rubber	93
Ford Motor	53¼
General Electric	64¼
General Foods	47⅛
General Motors	41⅛
Gen. Pub. Util.	35⅝
Getty Oil	30
Glidden Co.	34⅞
Goodrich (B.F.) Co.	68½
Goodyear Tyre	88¼
Gulf Oil	130
Heyden Newport Corp.	14½
Homestake Mining Co.	33⅞
Ingersoll-Rand	90¾
Inland Steel Co.	70
Interchemical Corp.	30¾
Int'l Business Machines	308¼
Int'l Harvester	34¼
International Nickel	83¾
International Paper	90¾
Int'l Tel. & Tel.	32⅞
John-Manville Co.	42⅞
Kansas C. Power & Light	34⅝
Kennecott Copper	93⅞
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	63⅞
Lockheed Aircraft	35¾
Loews Incorp.	16
Lone Star Cement Co.	30¾
Lowenstein & Sons	15¾
McDonnell Aircraft (Am. Stock Exge.)	28⅞
Mesabi Iron Corp.	38¾
Minnesota Mining	85⅞
Mission Development	20⅝
Monsanto Chemical Co.	33⅞
Montgomery Ward	36⅞
Motorola Inc.	47⅞
National Cash Reg. "A"	59½
National Dairy Prod.	36½
National Lead	111¼
National Steel Corp.	68¾
New York Central	27⅞
Olin Mathieson	49¼
Otis Elevators	46¼
Owen-Illinois Glass	82
Pacific Gas & Elec.	48⅝
Pan American Airways	14¾
Paramount Pictures	33⅞
Parke Davis Co.	61⅞
Penny J. C. Co.	79¼
Penn. Salt Co.	58½
Philip Morris	42⅞
Procter & Gamble Co.	51
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	73
Publicker Industries	7¼
Pure Oil	39⅞
Radio Corporation	33⅞
Republic Steel	53¾
Reynolds Metal	49⅞
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	27
Shell Oil Co.	83
Saint Reg. Paper	28⅜
Sinclair Oil	58¾
Socony Mobiloil	54¼
Solar Aircraft	18
South Puerto Rico Sugar	30
Southern Co. (The)	23⅛
Southern National Gas	38¾
Southern Railway (Com.)	39¼
Standard Brands	41⅝
Standard Oil of Cal.	54¼
Standard Oil of Ind.	40½
Standard Oil of N.J.	61¾
Steep Rock (Toronto Exge.)	13⅝
Sterling Drug Co.	32⅜
Stokely-Van Camp.	18
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	5½
Texas Co.	70
Tide Water Assn. Oil	31⅝
Time Inc.	60½
Twenty Century Fox Film	24¾
Union Carbide	100½
Union Pacific Railway	27⅞
United Aircraft	64¾
United Gas Corp.	32⅜
U.S. Foil "B"	32½
U.S. Gypsum	62⅞
U. S. Line Co.	26⅞
U.S. Rubber	40⅞
U.S. Smelting	40
U.S. Steel	63⅝
Warner Bros.	20¾
Westinghouse Electric	63⅞
Western Union Tel. Co.	18
West Va. Pulp & Paper	39¼
Woolworth	40⅞

—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Sept. 16.

Liquidation of the September soybean contract of an active session of the Board of Trade today.

The September contract in beans was down as much as 4⅞ cents at the low and caused selling in later deliveries. The May contract reached a new low for the season.

Some commission house buying around noon brought some support into soybeans but prices were still below the previous close.

Wheat futures were down more than two cents during the session with the news that southwestern wheat farmers were lagging in signing up acreage in the soil bank.

Wheat closed off 1⅛ to 2¼ cents for new and off 1⅝ to 1⅞ cents for old.

Soybeans closed off 2½ to 3⅞ cents.

Prices in cents per bushel:

Wheat old contract	
September	212¾
December	216
Wheat new contract	
Spot	213⅛n
Sept. 214¼(H) 211¾(L)	212½
December	216-216¼
March	221⅛-⅓
May	217½
July	202¼
Corn, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	130
September	122⅜
December	121⅛-½
March	126¼
May	129⅝
July	132⅛
Rye	
September	130
December	133¾-½
Oats	
September	65⅛
December	65½-⅝
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	234n
September	234½
November	231¾-½
January	235¼-235
March	239¾-239
May	241
Barley,	
Spot	123-133
New York flour	
200 lb. sack	$13.20n

—United Press.

WINNIPEG PRICES

Winnipeg, Sept. 16.

Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Oats	
Oct.	72½
Dec.	69½
May	70⅝
Rye	
Oct.	110⅝
Dec.	112⅞
May	116¼
Barley	
Oct.	90⅝
Dec.	93⅝
May	94⅝
Flaxseed	
Oct.	263¼
Dec.	278
May	280¼

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.97
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.83
Australian notes (per £1)	12.33
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	11.40
Siam tical (per 100)	27.35
Singapore (Straits)	1.81

Cotton Futures Close On Slight Upgrade

New York, Sept. 16.

Unexpectedly light hedge selling joined with a routine trade demand in keeping cotton futures on a slight upgrade in quiet dealings today.

At the close the list ruled up one to nine points. The market opened up seven to off one points. New Orleans closed up 15 points.

Retarded ginning activities, caused by recent rainy weather over many sections of the south, accounted for the let-down in hedge offerings. But new outside market interest continued to be restricted pending further crop news, or some other new incentives.

Spot house selling around 5,000 bales in October, along with scattered liquidation anticipating first notice day—Sept. 24—featured near month activities.

Open October contracts today totalled 126,000 bales. The certificated stock declined 372 to 3,112 bales from the previous posting a week ago.

Atlanta trade reports noted some contracts made in the spot market were for prompt or nearby shipment. Prices in medium and low grades continued low. Very little interest was shown in forward shipment cotton.

Some sales were made for prompt shipment, but the greater portion were for the first and second quarter.

NEW YORK

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.70n
October	33.76
December	33.75
March	34.00
May	34.07
July	33.66
October	32.69
December	32.61

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.10n
October	33.70
December	33.75
March	33.04
May	33.07
July	33.67
October	32.67
December	32.60

SAO PAULO

Quotations unquoted

In the United States, the average price for spot markets was also unavailable.

Total sales at 13 markets were 32,264 bales. — United Press.

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"CARTHAGE"	24th October	24th November
"CHUSAN"	3rd November	30th November
"CANTON"	22nd November	23rd December

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GOVT ORDERS BIG STAND-BY

Bid To Prevent Trouble Next Month

300 ARRESTED

by a China Mail Reporter

Government is determined that this year there will not be a repetition of the October Riots of 1956.

As early as the beginning of this month, Police have been ridding the city of undesirables, especially members of the various triad societies who were concerned with last year's trouble.

Up to date, large numbers of Police have frequently raided underworld hide-outs and have taken into custody people suspected of being connected with illegal organisations.

Since the beginning of this month, detectives and uniformed men have arrested about 300 people who have either been brought before the courts and placed on bonds to ensure future good behaviour or held for further enquiries.

Yesterday morning, 90 Officers and men swooped on Tam Wan, the scene of much trouble and wanton destruction last October, and arrested more than 60 in the small hours of the morning.

These, after screening, will be brought before the courts.

Precautions

A Government announcement regarding precautions for this October said: The Police Force was preparing to maintain particular vigilance and readiness on October 1 and October 10.

The Force would be fully mobilised on both October 1 and October 10, the Auxiliaries being called up to reinforce the Regular Police.

The Army will stand by on both days.

No casual or annual leave is being granted to Police from September 29 to October 13. Station leave is being stopped as necessary.

Plans Prepared

It is learned that the Security Forces have formulated plans in which Police and troops can be quickly delivered to trouble spots from their strategic concentrations throughout the Colony.

For the peace and order of the Colony this October, the authorities have placed in readiness the 4,000 regular Police, about 1,000 Police reservists and an undisclosed number of troops to ensure that there "must not be a repetition of the October Riots of 1956."

It is understood Hongkong Defence Force men have been notified to stand by on these two days.

ARMY COUP IN BANGKOK

(Continued from Page 1)

The army radio later announced a Royal decree appointing Marshal Sarit as military commander in charge of the peace in Bangkok.

The decree was dated September 16.

The text of the Royal decree follows:

"Royal decree appointing the military commander Bangkok area signed by His Majesty Phumiphol Ajuldej.

"Whereas the Government under Premier Pibul Songgram was administered not according to the people's wish and confidence and unable to maintain order, a military group under Marshal Sarit Thanarat has now seized power. I hereby appoint Marshal Sarit military commander of the Bangkok area.

"The public is requested to remain calm and all officials listen to Marshal Sarit's orders from now on."—United Press.

GENERAL REPORTS

Bangkok radio also said Police General Phao Syrianond reported to Marshal Sarit at three am this morning.

Fleet Admiral Yuthasart Kosol, Commander-in-Chief of the Navy, also turned up at 4.30 am.

But Pibul Songgram still was missing. The radio said "only Marshal Pibul Songgram does not show up. Please report as soon as possible." — United Press.

FOLLOW HK

Advice To Manila

Manila, Sept. 17.

An on-the-spot study of the mechanics of Hongkong's co-operative societies, particularly marketing, for adoption in the Philippines was recommended yesterday to the Departments of Foreign Affairs and Agriculture.

The recommendation made by the Dept. of Fisheries, said the adoption of the Hongkong plan would "redound to the improvement and progress of Filipino Fisheries industries and advancement of co-operative movements on fisheries." — France-Presse.

BUTTONMAKERS ASSOCIATION

About ten local button factories have joined together to form an association which will market their output and supply raw materials used.

The object of the association, according to the latest issue of the Department of Commerce and Industry's August Trade Bulletin, is to eliminate cut-throat competition, to develop and expand markets overseas, and by increasing efficiency and improving quality to compete more favourably with foreign products in world markets.

Hongkong's button industry last year exported almost $20 million worth.

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Boy Badly Hurt: Struck By Army Truck

Eight-year-old Chow Yiu-cho was knocked down and seriously injured by a military vehicle in King's Road, near Tin Chiu Street, shortly after noon yesterday.

The lad, who lives at No. 161 Sai Wan Ho Street, is receiving treatment in the Queen Mary Hospital.

A lorry struck a woman in Taipo Road, near Fuk Wah Street, yesterday. The victim, who is unidentified, has been admitted to Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

A 63-year-old man, Hau Chun-wai, sustained serious injuries when he fell from a bus at a bus stop in Nathan Road, near Playing Field Road, yesterday.

The man, who lives at No 155, Hoi Tan Street, ground floor, has been admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

Look What Hongkong Is Making Now

Hongkong is now making its own tricycles and toy push-chairs, the Department of Commerce and Industry's August Trade Bulletin—just released—reveals.

"Only six people are directly employed on assembling the tricycle by hand," the Bulletin says. "The tricycle is of very sturdy construction, well finished, and less expensive than similar imported products, while the toy push-chair is proving popular with children."

The Bulletin says that production is going ahead on a small scale until markets are established.

The tricycle was available in two sizes, the first for children about 1½ to three years and the other for four and five year-olds; the height of the saddle can be adjusted.

Can Be Expanded

Wheel grips and canvas for both tricycle and push-chair are supplied by other local firms and the welding and chrome plating is done by outworkers. Saddles are at present made of metal but the manufacturer proposes to substitute rubber ones later.

Monthly production totals only a few dozen of each product at present, says the Bulletin, but it can be expanded when orders are received.

The Bulletin also reveals that another Hongkong firm is selling toy binoculars to the United Kingdom and the United States.

The firm producing these toys is one of the larger local plastic concerns employing about 60 and able to produce about 1,500 gross of binoculars a month.

The firm is also making toy electric shavers which start with a realistic buzz.

The Bulletin also reveals that one Hongkong factory is making stretch nylon kitted underwear for men and women. The nylon yarn is imported from Canada, the US and Japan and production is about 5,000 dozen pairs a month.

Police Detain Suspect

A Chinese was arrested following the theft of a handbag from a woman pedestrian in Causeway Road at about 12.45 pm yesterday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reply To Critic

Sir,—Being prejudiced on the ground of nationality is odious, especially when it goes to the extent of exciting great agitations and bitter outbursts upon hearing one sincerely expressing the good of his country. I am very much aware that there are those who do judge under the influence of patriotism; such judgments include the dogmatic comments based on much much exaggeration and no factual qualification. But Mr Anthony Fuller's opinion: 'I think- . . . when you want real acting you have to go to the British stage for it' is as much motivated by patriotism as any Chinese's recommendation of China to be the best place to obtain silk—which is a fact. The genuineness and sincerity of his remark is easily supported by Britain's long history of Drama, which is enlivened by world famous playwrights, ranging from Shakespeare to Sheridan, to Wilde, Shaw and the present day's J. B. Priestley, and actors and actresses from Will Kempe, David Garrick, to Ellen Terry and the Oliviers, the Cassons of the present day. Will Mr N. T. Chow devote more time to distinguish calmly and broad-mindedly the difference between genuine remarks and groundless ones? I admit that there are nationally biased critics, but they are not denoted by a mere mention of something good in their country. Perhaps, Mr Chow thinks that critics should adopt the stupid humility to avoid ever to point out the good of their country, even in the form of an opinion?

Y. Y. L.

$150,000 BUILDING PLAN APPROVED

Compensation approximating $70,000 was approved for tenants of Nos. 185-187, Yee Kuk Street, Shamshuipo by the Tenancy Tribunal yesterday.

Mr J. H. G. Way, President with Tribunal members Mrs E. B. Ho and Mr Douglas Hung, announced the decision to recommend exemption of the premises from Ordinance control.

The owners wish to demolish the two Chinese tenement houses and to erect on the site a modern eight-storey building at a cost of $150,000.

Mr Steven Yue is architect of the scheme.

Mr K. Y. Yung of Messrs F. Zimmern and Company appeared on behalf of the four co-applicants, Messrs Lam Yiu, Chou Chuen-sai, Lau Kwok-poon and Li Chi-hung.

Mr W. C. R. Carr of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, opposed exemption on behalf of his client, the Hongkong Rattan Company, using the ground floor of No. 185, for rattan storage. The sum of $18,000 was paid as compensation.

Mr J. L. Lynn of Messrs P. L. Lam and Company, appeared on behalf of the Tai Hing Firm operating a machine workshop on the ground floor of No. 187. They accepted settlement terms of $17,500.

A condition of the recommendation was that rebuilding must take place within 15 months.

CORRUPTION CASE

WOMAN CROSS EXAMINED

A woman from whom two Police constables were alleged to have received money corruptly was cross-examined at the Victoria District Court this morning on discussions which she had with other parties about an abortion to be performed by her.

The witness was Mrs Keung Chi-ching, who claimed to have graduated from a school of Western medicine in China in 1932.

The case is being heard before Judge K. R. Macfee.

The accused are Hui Chi-shuen, 23, and Ko Pun-kit, 27. They are alleged to have solicited and received money on various occasions from Mrs Keung as a reward for forbearing to carry out their duties in respect of abortions committed by Mrs Keung.

The accused are represented by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by P. L. Lam and Co.

Opened The Door

Chief Inspector W. P. Apps is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Insp. D. G. McNeil of the Anti-Corruption Branch.

Continuing her evidence this morning, Mrs Keung said that during the night of July 4, this year, a girl rang her doorbell. She got out of bed and opened the door. After the girl had told her something, she closed the door.

Witness said she and her husband went to their verandah and looked out. She saw the two accused standing in the street under the opposite verandah. They were looking up at her.

On August 2, Mrs Keung said, she identified Ko and Hui at an identification parade at a Police Station in Wanchai.

Cross-examined, witness agreed she had testified that she had practised Western medicine in Canton. She said she graduated from the Kwangtung Medical Specialised School in 1932.

Her certificate, said witness, was in China and could not be produced in Court.

Mrs Keung said she had a photostat copy of a certificate issued by the Nationalist authorities.

Witness said she came to Hongkong in 1952. For some years she depended on her husband's savings for a living. Her husband was a broker.

In February or March last year, she gave reading and writing lesson to children.

An Operation

Mrs Keung was then questioned regarding the visit to her house of a woman named Siu Fung-kwan in July last year. She said Siu was accompanied by a man. She had never seen Siu or the man before.

A woman friend, Leung Sheung, introduced Siu to her, witness continued. Leung did not introduce the man.

Mrs Keung agreed that the visitors came to consult her about an operation for abortion she was to perform on Siu.

She did not know why the man was there. He just sat down, and the nature of the operation was discussed in his presence.

Asked if she did not think it curious that such a discussion should be held before an unknown man, witness said she did. She said she asked Leung who the man was, and Leung replied that he was "one of her people".

Mr D'Alton asked if the term "her people" meant one of the customers of Leung Sheung. Mrs Keung said she did not know.

Her "Sister"

Questioned as to whether she was in the habit of being visited by Leung Sheung in company with male strangers, witness said that was the first occasion.

Mr. D'Alton asked if there was any particular reason why Leung Sheung should bring Siu Fung-kwan to see her of all people, Mrs Keung said Leung had merely brought her "sister" to her for treatment.

Hearing is proceeding.

C-R-A-S-H

Two streamlined cars collided this morning at the Queen's Road end of Pedder Street.

The police who were watching this area for "No Parking" and "Ten-Minute Waiting" regulations recently inaugurated, were quickly on the scene.

A group of spectators also quickly gathered to watch the gesticulations and explanations of the respective drivers.

ALMOST NORMAL

The political situation now existing in Thailand is not appreciably affecting air traffic between that country and the outside world.

With the exception of Thai Airways, whose flight was due to arrive at Hongkong at 8 am today but was postponed until tomorrow, the flights of other companies are adhering to normal schedule.

Cathay Pacific Airways informed the China Mail this morning that the company received cable advice from Bangkok that the airport was open to receive planes and that the company's flight left as scheduled.

BOAC, PAA and other companies with a regular service between Bangkok and other cities, are running normal services.

INTELLIGENT EVIDENCE

A lorry driver, Hui Leung-wan, who was charged before Mr Thomas Tam for driving without due consideration for other road users, was this morning dismissed mainly on the clear and intelligent evidence given corroboratively by a witness, a coolie, whom Mr Tam said was more qualified to be a driver than the defendant, whose brain, judging from his confusing evidence, Mr Tam said, was 'very weak'.

The prosecuting officer, Sub-Insp. C. D. Carter also praised the coolie and remarked that he (the prosecuting officer) had not heard evidence given so intelligently for a long time.

Hui, the lorry driver, was charged on July 20 for driving his vehicle out from Ice House Street on to Queen's Road Central in a manner which caused a police constable to swerve his cycle to avoid the lorry.

He nearly collided with an iron railing on a footpath nearby as a result.

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BRAZIL CLASH

Macelo, Brazil, Sept. 16.

Troops in full fighting kit patrolled this city, capital of Alagoas State, today following a bloody weekend clash between followers of former Governor Muniz Falcao Mendes and his opponents in the State Legislature.

Two men were killed and seven wounded in a gun battle on the floor of the legislature on Friday. The dispute arose over Opposition demands for the Governor's ouster over the killing of a member of the legislature last year.—United Press.

CASTE CLASHES

Madras, Sept. 16.

Six persons were killed and many houses burned in a new outbreak of Hindu-Harijan caste clashes near Madurai, according to reports reaching here today.—United Press.

RIOT TOLL

Johannesburg, Sept. 16.

The death toll from the riots in the city's native township rose to 40 today with more deaths expected.

At least 30 people were in hospital with gunshot wounds.—United Press.

IMPORTANT ENTREPOT ROLE FOR HK

Britain's China Trade Plans

by David T. K. Wong

London.

Hongkong, with her vast experience in trade with China, can be made once more to play an important entrepot role in the developing trade between the United Kingdom and China.

At least, that will be the idea in the mind of Mr F. J. Erroll, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, when he leaves for Hongkong and China on September 25 on a mission to develop trade between the United Kingdom and China.

In his own words, "it is better to use well-oiled channels" than to utilise new and untried ones.

Mr Erroll will be the first British minister to visit China since World War II. The initiative for the present mission came from the British, who intimated to the Chinese Government the wish to send someone to discuss trade possibilities.

Not Barter

Mr Erroll said his mission was to try to develop profitable trade in non-strategic materials between the United Kingdom and China. He said he will not be interested in barter trade, of the type recently concluded between China and Ceylon, nor is he interested in trade for which the United Kingdom is unlikely to get paid.

In China he will meet with his counterpart in the Chinese Government and discuss such problems as sterling availability.

Mr Erroll emphasised that in China he will be concerning himself solely with trade. He will not deal with problems of a political or diplomatic character. He will not even meet with Chinese political leaders unless he is invited to do so.

En route to China, Mr Erroll will visit Burma and look into the agricultural development in that country.

Three Days Here

He will arrive in Hongkong on the afternoon of October 2, where he will spend three days in talks with Hongkong Government officials. He said these talks will not centre on direct Hongkong-United Kingdom trade as such, but rather on Hongkong's entrepot role in the trade with China.

He expects to arrive in Peking on October 6 or 7. Among the cities he will visit are Shanghai, Hankow and Canton. He expects to stay in China for three and a half weeks, but his schedule is as yet flexible.

On his return trip he will stop for another two days in Hongkong.

Meanwhile, in London, British business leaders are mooting plans for a British trade fair to be held in Peking to display British goods to Chinese users. However, no decision has yet been reached on the project and the fair itself may take a considerable time to prepare.

Alleged Acid Thrower Arrested

A Chinese, alleged to have thrown corrosive acid at his wife during a quarrel early yesterday morning at their home in No. 27, Wai Fung Street, ground floor, Aberdeen, has been arrested.

This was revealed by Police today.

The wife, who sustained only slight injuries, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital.

Watch Snatched

An unidentified Chinese snatched a wrist watch from a woman in Prince Edward Road, near Lai Chi Kok Road, at about 1 am yesterday.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Goodness, you're not old—just mature!"